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READER ALERT!
Saipan Tribune will not have any printed issue tomorrow, Sept. 11, 2018, in anticipation of Typhoon Mangkhut. You can continue monitoring typhoon updates on our website, www.saipantribune.com, and in our Facebook page.

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No PSS classes today; No govt offices today

Long lines of vehicles gas up at this Mobil gas station on Middle Road in preparation for Typhoon Mangkhut.

JON PEREZ

Mangkhut expected to pass through Marianas tonight

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Typhoon Mangkhut, forecasted to be the biggest typhoon to hit the Marianas this year, is expected to pass through the islands tonight, either as a Category 4 or 5 typhoon. Either

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- Public school classes suspended today.
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- University of Guam closed today.
- Most government offices closed today.
- CNMI Judiciary closed today.
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- PSS opens emergency shelters: Tanapag Middle School, Koblerville Elementary School, Kagman High School, Marianas High School on Saipan; Tinian Elementary School and Tinian Junior/Senior High School on Tinian; Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School on Rota.; Office of Aging; Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.
- U.S. District Court for the NMI closed today.
- All Guam and Rota branches of the Bank of Guam closed today.

Non-essential govt offices closed today

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has advised all employees of non-essential government agencies, departments, and offices to not report for work today so they could prepare for Typhoon Mangkhut.

In a statement, Torres urged the community to prepare for the worst. "On behalf of Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and my entire administration, especially our hardworking team at the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, I

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Public urged not to be deceived by calm

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Three lawmakers urge the public, including those on Rota and Tinian, not to be deceived by the calm before the storm and to stock up on supplies as much as possible.

Rep. Glenn Maratita (R-Rota)

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PSS, Aging Center open for shelter

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In light of the approaching Typhoon Mangkhut, the Public School System and the Office of the Aging have opened up some of their facilities as possible evacuation shelters.

After receiving confirmation from interim Education commissioner Glenn Muña over the weekend, PSS is opening up seven shelter locations throughout the CNMI: the Tanapag Middle School, Koblerville Elementary School, Kagman High School, and the Marianas High School on Saipan, Tinian Elementary School and Tinian Junior/Senior High School on Tinian, and the Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School on Rota. The schools, according to

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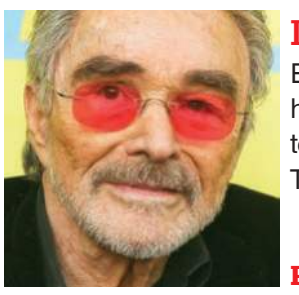

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Burt Reynolds, the handsome film and television star, died Thursday at age 82.

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Judge orders closure of district court

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered yesterday the closure of the U.S. District Court for the NMI today because of the approaching Typhoon Mangkhut.

She cited the imminent risk of damaging winds as Typhoon Mangkhut approaches Saipan.

Manglona said the court will reopen at 1pm Tuesday, Sept. 11, "unless otherwise ordered."

The judge noted that, as of yesterday, the island was in typhoon condition, which means destructive winds of 74 miles per hour or more are possible this afternoon.

Manglona said the CM/ECF electronic filing system will remain online, unaffected by this weather closure. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

WITH TRUMP'S SIGNING OF CW EXTENSION LAW

CPA expects to see surge of activity at CNMI seaports

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With U.S. President Donald J. Trump's signing of a bill that extends the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Program beyond 2019 and increases the CW cap limitation for the fiscal year, the Commonwealth Ports Authority expects to see a surge of activities at CNMI seaports.

CPA seaport operations committee chair Pete P. Reyes stated during CPA board meeting last Thursday that the seaport has always been a money-making activity for CPA but it appears to have slowed down, compared to 2017 and for this year on inbound cargo.

Reyes said from 48,028 in tonnage by inbound cargo for May in fiscal year 2017 at the port of Saipan, there were 35,143 for May fiscal year 2018—a 29-percent decrease.

In an interview, the former Saipan senator attributed the decrease to the CW issue that came up.

"There's a great deal of concern on whether or not new investors are willing to relocate their business in the CNMI," he said.

Hopefully, Reyes said, with the new CW extension law that was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by Trump, they may see another surge of CNMI seaport activity coming in.

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente earlier stated that with Trump's signing of the CW extension law, several companies have indicated plans to proceed expanding business hours, or increasing their product lines and store inventory.

Reyes also cited the issue on charges for containers, which "kind of slowed down the inbound cargo."

"We just adopted a regulation to address that and hopefully within a month or two, once it becomes effective, I am very positive we will see additional inbound cargos flood the CNMI," Reyes said.

He is optimistic that the CNMI will see an increase in the tonnage of cargo that are coming in.

"Seaport will be back on its feet again," the former senator said.

He disclosed that last month, they saw an increase of tonnage by inbound cargo, but those were as a result of a commitment that they made prior to all these problems that they're having.

Reyes said to address the problems, they made tariff changes that were never part of the regulations before.

"This will bring in a lot money," he added.

On tonnage by outbound

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UOG hosts extension meeting Sept. 20

MANGILAO, Guam—The University of Guam Cooperative Extension and Outreach will recognize Maria S. Connelley, Rowena S. Dela Cruz, Linda Tatreau, and Bernard Watson for their leadership, support, and dedicated service to the island community and for promoting the university's Cooperative Extension and Outreach in Guam.

The honorees will be recognized at the Extension Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, at the Dusit Thani Resort Guam. Of the four nominees, one will be selected to receive the Guam Friend of Extension Award and will be submitted for recognition throughout the national extension system. ***(UOG)***

Over 100 people beat Friday's CEC deadline

Over 100 people went to the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe last Friday, the deadline to register as voters for the Nov. 6 general election.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said Saturday said Friday was the deadline not only for new registration, but also those who need to re-register.

Igitol said some also showed up to update their registration information by changing their names and mailing address.

"We had a good outcome [Friday]. It was non-stop," she said, adding that most of those who came are from Saipan.

Igitol said they could not provide the exact number yet of the registered voters because they are still inputting the registration.

She said the last number was over 18,500, but it could be higher than that because they are still receiving registration in the mails.

"If it is postmarked before the seventh [of September], we have to process that registration," Igitol said.

She said CEC may come up with the final number of registered voters by the end of this month.

Igitol said CEC commissioners also did registration on Tinian and Rota last Friday.

CEC executive director Julita Villagomez conducted registration in Hawaii last Sept. 4 and 5.

CEC recently reported that there were over 18,200 registered voters in the CNMI for this year's election, which is a record-breaking high.

Meanwhile, CEC started opening the request for absentee ballots last Aug. 23. The deadline to make the request is Oct. 12. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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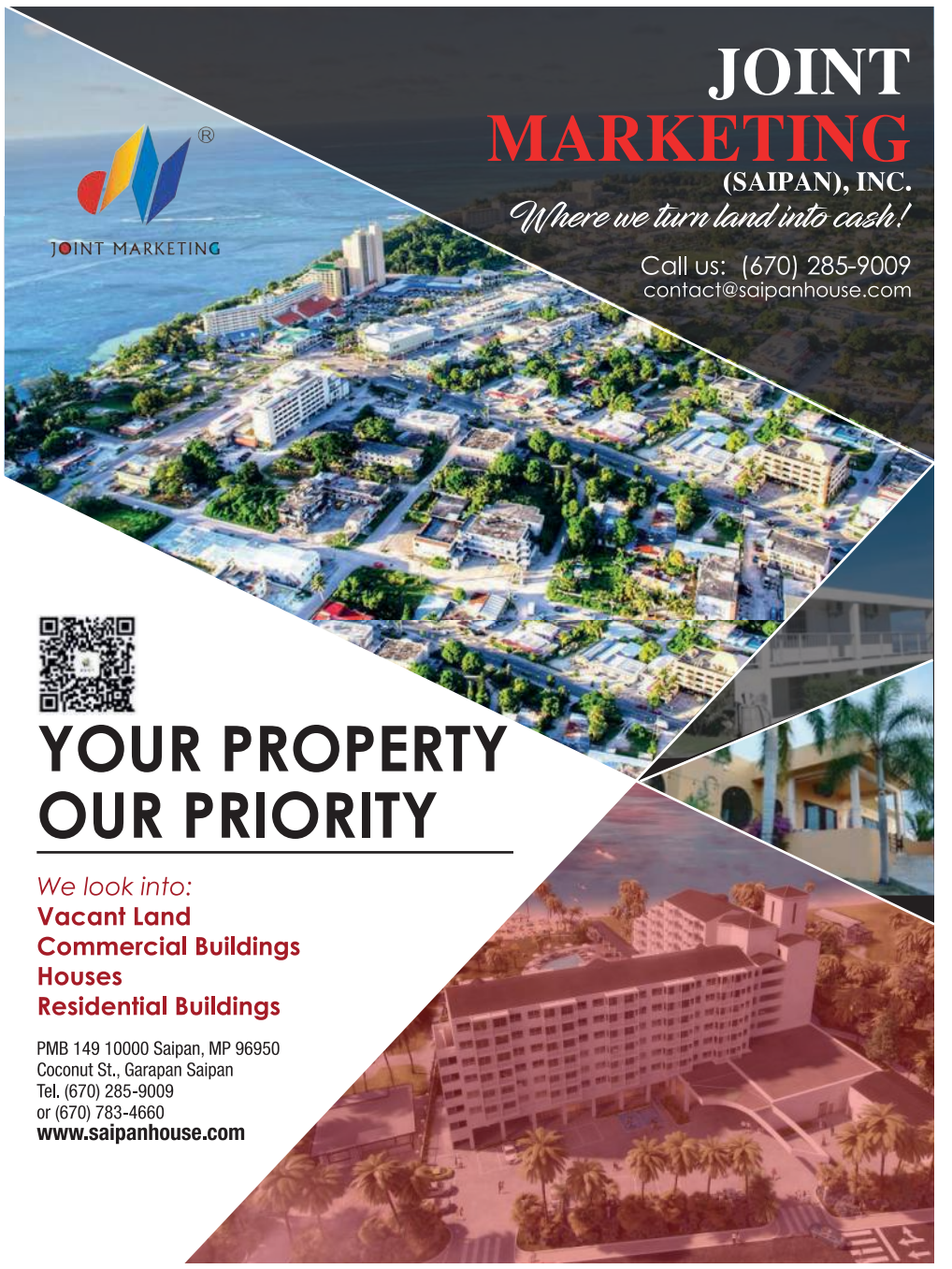

CNMI soldier dies in motorcycle accident

Messages of condolences and prayers poured in to the family of Sgt. Nathan Teregeyo, after the Army paratrooper died last week while riding his motorcycle in northern Italy.

Several news sources said that Teregeyo was negotiating his 600-cc class sport bike when he lost control of his vehicle while negotiating a curve along the winding road of Strada Provinciale 349.

The report said he was riding with a fellow soldier on a second motorcycle when the accident happened at 4pm. The report said he "struck a brick wall next to an apartment complex." Officials said he died on the spot.

The 25-year-old was assigned to the Army's 173rd Infantry Brigade at the Caserma Ederle, U.S. Garrison Italy, under the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne).

Strada Provinciale, a serpentine route with hairpin curves, is a road leading up to the Asiago township at the foothills of the Italian Alps. Local media said dozens of accidents happen on the road, many to motorcyclists. ***(Jon Perez)***

Rota, Guam branches of Bank of Guam closed today

All Guam and Rota branches of the Bank of Guam will close today, Sept. 10, 2018, until Condition of Readiness 4 is restored and conditions are safe.

All exposed Bank of Guam ATMs will be offline beginning Sunday night. They will be brought back online when COR 4 is announced and conditions are safe. Indoor ATMS (such as those located inside gas stations and supermarkets) are not affected.

Merchant services (card processing machines) are also not affected.

The bank's customer contact center (671) 472-5300 was available until midnight yesterday. The Bank of Guam mobile banking app and telephone banking services will continue until COR 1 is announced. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at FDM, in waters around Guam

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from midnight Sept. 10 to 11:59pm Sept. 17.

Training will also take place in waters near Guam, west of Apra Harbor within a five-mile nautical radius:

- Sept. 10, from 6pm to 10pm
- Sept. 11, from 6pm to 11pm

It is recommended that the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. ***(PR)***

Cancer survivors, caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association support meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker for the meeting will be nutritionist Hee Jae Lee. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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CHCC: Pfizer issues recall of children's Advil

Pfizer Inc. is voluntarily recalling of one lot of its children's fever or pain reducer medicine.

According to a statement from the Commonwealth Healthcare Center, Pfizer Consumer Healthcare, a division of Pfizer Inc. announced that it is recalling one lot of Children's Advil Suspension Bubble Gum Flavored 4 fl oz bottle due to several customer complaints on dosage cup markings being inconsistent with label instructions, which could cause possible overdosage.

The dosage cup is marked in teaspoon while the instructions on the label are described in milliliters.

"Pfizer concluded that the use of the product with an unmatched dosage marked in teaspoons rather than milliliters has a chance of being associated with potential overdose," the CHCC statement noted.

Overdose symptoms associated with ibuprofen overdose include nausea, vomiting, headache, drowsiness, blurred vision, and dizziness.

Children's Advil Suspension Bubble Gum Flavored 4 FL OZ bottle, NDC 0573-0207-30, lot R51129 was distributed nationwide to wholesalers, distributors, and retailers in the U.S. from May 2018 through June 2018.

"Pfizer Inc. has notified wholesalers, distributors, and retailers to arrange for return of any recalled product. Wholesalers, distributors, and retailers with an existing inventory of the lot being recalled, should stop use and distribution and quarantine the product immediately," the announcement stated.

"Adverse reactions or quality problems associated with the use of this product may be reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either by phone, on line, by regular mail, or by fax," the statement continued.

The reporting program may be accessed online at www.fda.gov/medwatch/report/htm or by dialing 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form to be mailed out to the address indicated on the form or submitting it by fax to 1-800-331-0178. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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urged residents of the CNMI, specifically Rota, to not take light of the Typhoon Condition 2 issuance of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres as the skies are gloomy yet calm throughout the weekend.

"…By tomorrow at 4pm, before Typhoon Mangkhut reaches Rota, based on the trajectory, wind speeds are projected to be a 120 mph," Maratita said, urging CNMI residents to stock up on supplies.

"Folks back [on Rota] are really taking this typhoon seriously," Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. The Rota lawmaker further noted that he has been receiving numerous messages and calls from social media regarding the typhoon.

"What is important for the most part is that…it would be quite important for [everybody] to not take this typhoon lightly," Maratita warns.

Maratita spoke with *Saipan Tribune* while he was on Saipan. He reminds Rota residents that there are two shelters on Rota: the Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School and the Rota Office of Aging, covering both the northern and southern areas of the island.

"We have been in constant communication with the CNMI Homeland Security and other agencies involved on this matter. We disseminate information at every possible time that there are changes pertaining to the typhoon," he noted.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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urge everyone in the Marianas to prepare for the worst and stay informed of all updates from [Homeland Security and Emergency Management] and the CNMI [Emergence Operations Center] State Warning Point.

"After monitoring the potential strength and path of this storm, this typhoon is not something to take lightly," said Torres, who added that government payroll was released yesterday—both the electronic process through Bank of Guam and paychecks for non-Bank of Guam account holders.

The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port for Guam has established Port Heavy Weather Condition Yankee for the ports of Guam, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian as of 12pm yesterday in advance of Typhoon Mangkhut.

Port Heavy Weather Condition Yankee is set when gale force winds are predicted to arrive within 24 hours.

Mangkhut has been upgraded into a typhoon as it continues to intensify heading to the Marianas. The National Weather Service in Guam issued a typhoon warning for the major islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Mangkhut expects to pack destructive winds of 74mph as early as Monday afternoon, according to the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Torres has upgraded the CNMI to Typhoon Condition 2 due to the anticipated threat from Mangkhut, which is currently located—as of 1pm CHST—at about 550 miles east of Saipan, 560 miles east of Tinian, 590 miles east of Rota, and 630 miles east of Guam.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista told *Saipan Tribune* that all employees of critical agencies—like the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Commonwealth Health Center, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and HSEM—are on call and duty.

"[All] critical government departments and agency employees and personnel [are on standby]. This includes all department and activity heads, law enforcement, and our HSEM and hospital staff," said Bautista.

The Office of the Governor is also "in the process of working on preventing price gouging with [our] legal [counsel]."

Bautista added that they also postponed the scheduled proclamation signings—Field of Heroes, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Amot Natibu—today and tomorrow.

The CNMI Public School System and Northern Marianas College has already called off classes as well private schools Green Meadows School, Mt. Carmel School, Saipan International School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, and Northern Marianas International School.

PSS opened its emergency shelters at 4pm yesterday on Saipan—Tanapag Middle School, Marianas High School, Koblerville Elementary School, and Kagman High School.

CUC has also opened its Customer Service Center to allow its customers to purchase prepaid token purchases while the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will open Saipan's Aging Center to the public today.

Kristo Rai Parish cancelled its 5pm Mass yesterday and the 6am Mass today.

Long lines were seen at several gas stations while stores were packed with customers buying essential supplies in preparation for Mangkhut. Supporters of some candidates also took down campaign materials.

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Muna, were opened for shelter since 4pm yesterday.

Saipan Tribune also confirmed that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Office of Aging is also open for shelter starting this morning, while the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is also opening its doors to high-risk individuals, such as pregnant women.

CHCC protocols for shelter have yet to be confirmed as of publication, and would be disseminated once available.

According to previous interviews, Muña noted that the Tanapag Middle School could house up to 40 civilians; Kagman High School could house up to 80 civilians, Koblerville Elementary School could house 46 civilians, and Tinian Elementary School could house up to 40 civilians.

The specific number for the remaining schools has yet to be confirmed.

DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter, in a previous interview, also noted that 40 civilians may be sheltered at the Aging Office in Garapan.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres declared yesterday a Typhoon Condition 2 for the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian as of 5pm yesterday.

Shortly after Torres' declaration, PSS and the Northern Marianas College announced their cancellation of classes for today. Several business establishments yesterday have also declared their closure today in anticipation of the typhoon.

Typhoon Condition 2 means destructive winds of 74mph or more are possible within the next 24 hours.

For those in need of transportation to any of the shelters, you may call the CNMI State Warning Point at 237-8000 for assistance.

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cargo at the port of Saipan, Reyes said, there were 901 in May fiscal year 2017 and 1,010 in May fiscal year 2018—a 12-percent increase.

For the port of Tinian, he said, from 992 tonnage by inbound cargo in May fiscal year 2017, there were 1,088 in the same month in fiscal year 2018—a 10-percent increase.

With respect to tonnage by outbound cargo at the port of Tinian, Reyes said, there were 30 in May fiscal year 2016 and 55 in the same month in fiscal year 2017—a 47-percent increase.

For the port of Rota, Reyes said, there were 112 in May fiscal year 2017 and zero in the same month in fiscal year 2018—a 58-percent decrease.

Pertaining to tonnage by outbound cargo at the port of Rota, he said, there were zero in May for both fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

MANGKHUT

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way, it will be a dangerous and life-threatening typhoon.

Dangerous winds of 55 mph or more from Typhoon Mangkhut may arrive this morning.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres upgraded the CNMI to Typhoon Condition 2 yesterday and is urging all residents of the Commonwealth to prepare and to keep informed of any updates.

According to the Public School System, all public school classes are suspended today for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to utilize classes as shelters as Typhoon Mungkhut sweeps through the Marianas.

The Northern Marianas College also suspended classes today.

The University of Guam will be closed today,. There will be no classes. All other campus activities will be cancelled or postponed.

The Office of the Governor has announced that all government offices will be closed today.

"Because of the anticipated threat of Typhoon Mangkhut, I have upgraded the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to Typhoon Condition 2. Effective immediately, all government offices will be shut down on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018," Torres said in an announcement.

The CNMI Judiciary will also be closed today.

The typhoon's closest point of approach is expected to arrive Monday evening; however, this does not necessarily mean conditions will become safe after the typhoon has made its passage across the Marianas.

Guam and Rota are urged to prepare for a direct hit by a Category 3 or Category 4 Typhoon. Saipan and Tinian should prepare for a Category 2 typhoon.

Rota can expect 8 to 12 inches of rain, and Saipan and Tinian, 2 to 4 inches.

No flood advisories are in effect at this time, but this may change as conditions worsen.

Significant wave height has been placed at 20 feet, and are expected to rapidly increase as Mangkhut strengthens.

As of press time, all incoming and outgoing flights at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport are as scheduled until further notice.

In Guam, United Airlines is expecting schedule changes for flights to and from A. B. Won Pat International Airport Guam today. United urges our customers to check the latest status of their flights at united.com or by calling United Reservations at 1-800-UNITED-1 (1-800-864-8331).

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality- and Department of Public Works are coordinating efforts to open drainage systems to alleviate inundation on the island of Saipan where flood is likely to occur. Debris removal on public roadways have already begun.

A16-man team has been deployed to the island of Rota. HSEM is gearing to send a multi-agency support team to the island of Tinian, equipped with generators to assist in powering additional shelters, if needed.

Several Federal Emergency Management personnel have been pre-positioned on Saipan in support of recovery and relief efforts.

The National Weather Service in Guam announced yesterday that typhoon conditions—including destructive winds of 74 mph or more—are expected as early as today.

As of 2pm yesterday, Typhoon Mangkhut was located about 550 miles east of Saipan, about 560 miles east of Tinian, about 590 miles east of Rota, and about 630 miles east of Guam

Mangkhut was seen moving 275 degrees west at 23 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. This motion is expected to continue through Tuesday, taking Mangkhut through the Marianas Monday night.

The center of Typhoon Mangkhut was located near latitude 15.1 degrees north and longitude 154.0 degrees east.

Typhoon force winds extend outward from the center up to 30 miles and tropical storm force winds extend outward from the center up to 130 miles to the north and up to 75 miles to the south.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point will be monitoring the movement of Typhoon Mangkhut and will be issuing bulletins as they become available.

Residents of the Marianas are urged to keep a close watch on updates to weather forecasts and stay informed on the latest statements and advisories, which will be available through local media outlets or call CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000 or 664-8000.

"Mangkhut" is a Thai term referring to a kind of fruit.

The last time a major typhoon hit the CNMI was in August 2015, during Typhoon Soudelor. The NWS identified Soudelor as a strong Category 3 typhoon according to the Saffir-Simpson scale

IN CASE OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL

OAG forfeits all documents requested by OPD

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The Office of the Attorney General produced all materials needed by the Office of the Public Defender to restart the preliminary hearing of a man who allegedly sexually abused a 15-year-old girl.

Last Friday, in a motion hearing to compel production of police records and information, the Office of the Attorney General forfeited all material that was requested of them by the Office of the Public Defender to resume the preliminary hearing of 22-year-old Peter Fritz Lizama, who allegedly sexually abused a minor.

According to assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio, all the documents were produced and the preliminary hearing is back on track.

The OAG produced the records and information that police detective Wally Emul said he reviewed to familiarize himself with the case prior to testifying, police records or other reports or documents containing statements made by the alleged victim, and police records and information that constitute Brady material.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho has ordered the resumption of Lizama's preliminary hearing on Sept. 13, 2018.

According to a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune*, assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues, counsel for Lizama, asked the Superior Court to order the OAG to provide the documents that Emul said he reviewed to familiarize himself with the case prior to testifying.

Nogues said in the context of a preliminary hearing, the interest of justice requires production of the police report, witness statements, and physical evidence to the defense prior to the preliminary hearing.

Lizama is charged with four counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Police arrested Lizama last month for allegedly sexually abusing the girl who was then sleeping in her bedroom on Saipan.

Police said that during an interview, Lizama cried and confessed to having sex with the girl.

The girl told police that it was the seventh time that Lizama sexually abused her and that the previous incidents happened in 2015.

Bank of Guam sponsors MINA's Green Gala

The Bank of Guam recently joined forces with the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance for this year's Green Gala event as a title sponsor.

Funds from the event will support MINA's ongoing programs and their efforts at bringing public awareness of the need to conserve the islands' most precious resource, the natural environment.

Speaking on behalf of the staff and management of Bank of Guam, Larry Philip, Garapan branch manager, said: "We would like to commend MINA for its continued efforts in their programs that focus on keeping our islands clean. MINA has become the face of conservation in the CNMI, and we're proud to be a part of that."

Somia Quan, vice chair of MINA's board of directors, relayed their organization's appreciation of this sponsorship: "The participation of the Bank of Guam is a reaffirmation that they, along with our other corporate sponsors, believe in our mission. This support makes the work that MINA does possible."

This year's Green Gala features the International Year of the Reef, and is being held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018. Call MINA at 233-7333 (REEF) for more information. ***(PR)***

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Bank of Guam presents the bank's donation to the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

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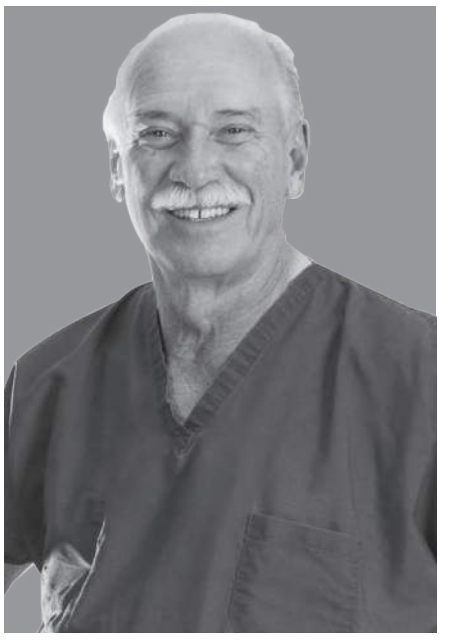

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'CPA has no power to approve China Eastern's request'

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors has no authority to approve any airlines' request to fly to Saipan, according to the CPA board's airport operations committee chair Barrie C. Toves.

When asked for an update on China Eastern Airlines' reported interest to fly to Saipan, Toves said any request from the airlines actually does not need any action from the CPA board.

"It does not need any approval from the board," Toves said in an interview after the CPA board's meeting last Thursday.

He said what the CPA board does is to make sure that the CPA management has these airlines complete all the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Last February, the House of Representatives unanimously supported a resolution by Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) that urges CPA to approve the request of China Eastern Airlines.

Citing the pullout of U.S. carrier Delta Air Lines from the CNMI, Guerrero said the tourism industry as well as the overall economy would take a toll if nothing is done about it.

Guerrero said China Eastern Airlines is one of China's major air transportation groups out of three and is headquartered in Shanghai.

Toves

Toves said he has heard of Chinese Eastern Airlines' request and that he also read about the House's resolution.

Toves said, however, he has not seen any documents submitted to the board from Chinese Eastern Airlines and that he does not understand why the Legislature has to urge the CPA to approve anything. Toves said the Legislature tried this a couple of years ago when they passed a similar resolution because of airlines that want to come in.

He said he introduced a resolution to the board to limit the number of airlines coming in, but subject to the review and approval of the DOT.

Toves said DOT responded, telling then that the CNMI government or CPA does not have authority as it is preempted by a federal law.

He said it's only DOT that can approve or deny any airline that wants to land in U.S. airports.

"We own the airport but we don't have the authority. We are hoping that all of these things be clear," Toves said.

In any case, if Chinese Eastern Airlines is interested to fly to the CNMI, Toves said he has not seen their proposal.

"We don't necessarily come to a point of making any discussion. Any airlines going to come in and is willing to operate, we welcome them," he said.

The thing is, he added, the CPA board does not need to approve that, as the board does not need have that authority.

"There is a protocol, procedure for it to happen," said Toves, adding that any airport has to be cleared by DOT and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Toves cited an example a possible lawsuit that an airline was going to file against CPA in federal court, but the case was eventually dropped because DOT's secretary in essence has the authority.

He said if the airport comes to a point where it is really congested and it poses any hazard and safety concern because of overcrowding and it is justified, then CPA can make that request to DOT to deny a new airline.

PSS teaches parents educational technology on Tinian

The CNMI Public School System recently hosted a seminar on Tinian to give parents strategies to engage children in 21st-century learning at home.

The parent seminar focused on educational technology also engaged parents in learning activities that utilized popular education technology tools to experience firsthand how such technological applications are used by teachers to support the curriculum and improve engagement.

The seminar was hosted by the Instructional Technology Program overseen by Dr. Bobby Cruz, director of Instructional Technology, and Lorraine Catienza, Distance Education program manager.

Also in attendance was Tinian Jr. Sr. High School principal and parent, Dionne Santos. Santos appreciated the parent seminar in her role as both instructional leader and mother, saying, "These opportunities for parents to learn are very important. I'm glad that parents were given this chance to be more cognizant of what our teens engage in with technology. It gave parents a space to learn about how technology is impacting both their lives and the lives of their children. Topics such as social media and technology in the classroom are important, and we parents need to be educated on how to talk to our children about it, to learn about what our children are doing online, and to implement strategies to help our them learn about the advantages of technology as well as ways to engage with it in a responsible and safe manner."

Frances Santos, TJSHS PTA secretary said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage with others and to understand the what is available for parent stakeholders and their children. Access to technology is important, and being aware of what the school offers to both parent and student was a real eye-opener for me. I am glad that the Instructional Technology Program is really focusing on helping us parents to also engage in professional learning. The more we know, the more we can be better stakeholders in helping our children learn and succeed, especially in a word of information and technology. I hope we have more events like this for parents in the future.

One of the primary goals of the Instructional Technology Program is to support parent development in the areas of technology education this school year. The program will continue its outreach efforts and provide learning opportunities for parents across the CNMI. ***(PR)***

Tinian parents who attended the CNMI Public School System's seminar are provided certificates of completion.

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The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting invitation for bids for one color multifunction machine.

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PSS distance education gears up for fall 2018

Thirty online educators from the across the Commonwealth gathered to participate in professional development to gear up for the opening of the online fall 2018 semester.

The workshop focused on strategies to enhance instructor and social presence in the online learning environment.

The workshop was led by Instructional Technology Program leaders Dr. Bobby Cruz and Lorraine Catienza.

"We're always excited to convene with our eTeachers. They're the backbone of the success of the program," said Cruz.

"It's important to gather and reflect as a team on our practices, especially those that are instructional, and set goals that will help our student more effectively learn online. Our goal this year is to improve teacher and student social presence in the online learning environment. The topic of social presence was driven by the voice of our students," Cruz added.

In addition, teachers were provided best practices for improving retention rates among online students. Participants in the workshop included interim Education commissioner Glenn Muña, and associate commissioner of Student and Support Services Dr. Yvonne Pangelinan.

Thirty online educators from the across the Commonwealth participate in professional development training to gear up for the opening of the online fall 2018 semester. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Distance Education is essential in creating opportunities by leveraging the power of technology to provide more equitable access for students across the CNMI," said Pangelinan. "We're leaders in the region because we are committed to innovating and improving."

The CNMI Public School System Distance Education Program has been offering online courses to both public and private school students for the past seven years.

Course offerings include core content subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social studies. Elective offerings include Intro to Digital Photography, Journalism, and Creative Writing courses.

The program was first established to support teacher shortages among CNMI public schools in 2012, but has since grown to support the enrichment and advancement of high school students.

Catienza said, "The Distance Program is committed to continuous improvement. Each year we work with our eTeachers to assess a range of data that includes student course evaluation. We use the input of the students we serve to refine and improve our offerings to ensure quality teaching and learning." ***(PR)***

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PSS seminar aims to make libraries future-ready

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Forty participants from across the 19 schools in the Commonwealth participate in the Future-Ready Librarian Seminar hosted by the CNMI Public School System's Instructional Technology Program

A total of 40 participants from across the 19 schools in the Commonwealth, including library professionals from Rota and Tinian, participated in the Future-Ready Librarian Seminar hosted by the CNMI Public School System's Instructional Technology Program.

This was the first time that librarians from across the district were brought together for a focused work concerning school libraries.

The goal of the event was to cast a vision for 21st century libraries in the CNMI and to strengthen the librarians' role as a major stakeholder in promoting teaching and learning.

The event was facilitated by Dr. Bobby Cruz, director of Instructional Technology, and Lorraine Catienza, Distance Education program manager.

"Libraries are the cornerstones of thriving communities where individuals can engage in perpetual discovery and foster a fearless and unrelenting desire to learn and grow and also stay connected with the world around them," said Cruz. "Libraries are a rich repository of information that serves to entertain, enlighten, educate, and, ultimately, connect to with both common and extraordinary human experiences.

"While the core functions of libraries have remained unchanged, its capacity for information accessibility has become virtually limitless as a result of technology. So the goal of this seminar is to help push 21st century technological advancements in all libraries in the CNMI," Cruz said.

Cateinza added: "Libraries have gone from fixed, quiet spaces that only house books to community gathering ground where rich collaboration and interactions are made possible through technology and media.

"CNMI Public School System believes that school libraries in the CNMI should help advance learning for all community members and bridge geographical divides and connect the Marianas to the world," Catienza said.

The mission of the Instructional Technology Program of the CNMI Public School System is to employ transformative uses of technology that promote higher levels of student learning to ensure college and career readiness and global citizenship. The seminar is the first of a series of meetings to engage library professionals. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP18-GOV-143

Generator System Supply and Installation – Department of Finance

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to supply and install a generator for the Department of Finance, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning September 10, 2018 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the project site adjacent to the Division of Finance and Accounting at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2018.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the Capital Improvement Office attn.: Nerissa Benavente, in writing via e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 **no later than 4:30 p.m., ChST, September 20, 2018.**

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2.	Work load and resources to accomplish work	10%
3.	Project Approach & Schedule	10%
4.	Cost	50%
	TOTAL:	**100%**

Performance time for completion of this project is 120 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP18-GOV-143 Generator System Supply and Installation – Department of Finance. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, September 28, 2018. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, September 28, 2018 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, September 28, 2018 and mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply at P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan MP, 96950 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than the close of business on October 4, 2018. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

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The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Victor B. Hocog
Acting Governor

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement and Supply

Interior OKs $333,572 for Marshallese in RMI, US

WASHINGTON, D.C.— A total of $333,572 in fiscal year 2018 technical assistance program grants have been approved to bolster the health care program for populations from the four nuclear-affected atolls in the Marshall Islands and to support the Marshallese populations in Arkansas.

■ Section 177 Four Atoll Health Care Program Supplemental: $180,000 in supplemental funding to cover increased costs of preventive diabetes medication to treat a rising number of patients reported with diabetes being treated from the four atolls of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrôk. The number of diabetic patients this year has reportedly increased by 86 percent over prior year cases.

The Four Atoll Health Care Program provides health care services and overall wellness programs for over 18,000 people from the four nuclear-affected atolls in the Marshall Islands. The program covers dental services, women's health and cancer screening, diabetes screening and control, eye services in collaboration with the Canvas Back Eye Mission, immunization coverage, reduction of infant mortality, and surveillance of tuberculosis and leprosy. Interior provided an initial amount of $1.4 million in May 2018 for fiscal year 2018.

■ Marshallese Education Initiative: $153,572 to support the non-profit organization Marshallese Resource and Educational Center in Springdale, Arkansas. The center will provide full-time, bilingual office staff to provide assistance with translation, notary services, youth mentorship, financial planning and literacy workshops, resume-building, educational opportunities, and raising awareness to prevent domestic violence for Marshall Islanders in Arkansas. Staff will also assist local agencies in Arkansas with interpreter services and cultural training. Springdale is home to an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 Marshallese, one of the largest Marshallese populations residing in the United States.

Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, said funds for these grants were made available through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program. Applications are submitted from October through May 1st each year. Once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress, these funds are awarded until they are exhausted. ***(PR)***

NMC closed today, Sept 10

Due to anticipated threat from Typhoon Mangkhut, Northern Marianas College said yesterday that campuses on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will be closed today, Sept. 10, 2018. Classes scheduled for this day have been canceled. All student activities and events (including Student Success series) scheduled for this week have been postponed until further notice.

The college encouraged students and employees to monitor weather reports and advisories at the following sites:

■ CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office: http://www.cnmihsem.gov.mp/

■ NOAA National Weather Service: http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

■ Joint Typhoon Warning Center: http://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

■ Further updates will be provided through the following platforms:

■ NMC student and employee email

■ NMC website at www.marianas.edu

■ NMC Facebook Page: facebook.com/nmc.proa

■ NMC Twitter: @GoProa

■ NMC Instagram: nmc.proa

■ News outlets including radio stations ***(NMC)***

Guam Guard preps to support recovery efforts

As Guam prepares and braces for the brunt of Typhoon Mangkhut, airmen and soldiers from the Guam National Guard prepare equipment and supplies that may be used in the event the island is hit hard and the Guard is called up to state active duty to assist in recovery efforts.

"The Guard is ready, reliable and very capable to assist," said Maj. Gen. Roderick Leon Guerrero, the adjutant general of the Guam National Guard. "As members of this community, our soldiers and airmen are always ready to respond to the needs of the island," he said. ***(PR)***

Sgt. Edwin Senato, from the Guam Army National Guard's Hotel Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, conducts pre- maintenance checks on and fills a water buffalo at Fort Juan Muna in Harmon as the Guard prepares to support the upcoming typhoon and recovery efforts.

GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Edwin Senato, top left, Staff Sgt. Consolacion Bartonico, center, and SPC Milo Mapote, from the Guam Army National Guard's Hotel Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, conducts pre-maintenance checks on and fills three water buffalos at Fort Juan Muna in Harmon as the Guard prepares to support the upcoming typhoon and recovery efforts.

GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Chief Frankie Cruz and Anthony San Nicolas, from the Department of Military Affairs, secure the guard facility at the entrance of the Guard's Readiness Center in Barrigada in preparation for the upcoming typhoon.

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SPC Peter Zapatos, SPC Lorenshelea Candaso and SPC Michael Fejeran, from the Guam Army National Guard's Hotel Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, fill sand bags at Fort Juan Muna in Harmon as the Guard secures its facilities and prepares to support the upcoming typhoon and recovery efforts.

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Precinct 2 forum postponed

Sablan

Due to typhoon conditions expected to affect the Marianas this week, independent House candidate Christina Sablan said that "Our Sense of Place," a forum for Precinct 2 originally scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12, has been postponed until further notice.

For more information, call 285-3935 or email tinasablan@gmail.com. Sablan urges all residents to secure their loved ones and properties, seek shelter if needed, and continue to monitor weather and safety advisories. ***(PR)***

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Chaos and disloyalty in Trump's White House

Raise your hand if you needed to read the confessions of an anonymous senior administration official to realize President Donald Trump's management style is "impetuous, adversarial, petty and ineffective." Anybody? We weren't shocked, either.

Trump's 19 months in office have aged many Americans at least twice that length of time. The president has a base of supporters who embrace or ignore the chaos and pugnacity. For others, including those of us who seek to judge Trump's policy work separately from his erratic personality, these are trying times. With him in charge, the circus never shuts down.

Twice this week, installments of America's strangest reality show—otherwise known as the Trump presidency—provided glimpses of White House staffers in panic mode. First there were news reports about Bob Woodward's new behind-the-scenes book, "Fear," in which we learned that adviser Gary Cohn lifted a letter off Trump's desk so that the president wouldn't act on his worrisome threat to scuttle a trade deal with South Korea. Then came The New York Times' decision to publish the anonymous op-ed describing crafty efforts by Trump officials to keep the country from running off the rails. "There are adults in the room ... trying to do what's right even when Donald Trump won't," the op-ed asserts.

Woodward's book, not yet on sale, uses unnamed sources to describe life in the White House. Readers will be able to draw their own conclusions based on the reporting of a respected journalist. The op-ed is a different matter. The unidentified official gave the piece to the Times and then sneaked back to work, hoping not to be uncovered later by a livid president.

Our problem with the op-ed is the lack of accountability. The "senior official in the Trump administration" raises a serious question about whether Trump is fit to be president, then slips past any follow-up responsibility. Instead of leading public debate over possible invocation of the 25th Amendment to remove the president from office, the writer tells Americans to trust administration officials: They've got this, whoever they are. They'll thwart his "misguided impulses until he is out of office."

But how much credibility should Americans give to someone who takes his or her shots from a secret hideaway?

The alleged presence of secret saviors shouldn't surprise anyone. Every White House adviser should consider it part of the job description to smother bad ideas and save the president from misguided impulses. No news there. The same goes in the private sector. But bashing the boss anonymously is disloyal and, rather than fixing anything, makes everyone in the organization paranoid. This op-ed has "CYA memo" written all over it—someone wants a paperwork trail to show the world in case things later go south: See? I told ya I tried to save the country.

The op-ed accomplishes nothing positive and tells us nothing we don't already know. The piece says the president is morally rudderless, holds no coherent worldview and careens from objective to objective. We know that; we read his tweets. The piece says the president, while alarming, also has notched achievements such as tax reform and deregulation. We know that as well; we supported those efforts.

Sooner or later it's likely the op-ed writer will be outed, with unpredictable results. What's certain is that as long as Trump is president, chaos will be part of the picture.

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When politics is impervious to facts

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Bloomberg News

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One way to classify someone's political views is to look at which policies they want to see enacted into law. So a Democrat or progressive might support an expansion of public health care, whereas a Republican or conservative is more likely to favor tax cuts. But there is another way of thinking about politics: according to which policies a person wishes could work.

It is a subtle distinction, but important. Think of it as the difference between practical politics and political ideals. Sometimes you might favor or oppose a policy because of its impact—and sometimes you might regardless of its impact.

For instance, should the government ban assault weapons? One way to answer that question would be to look at whether the previous, now-expired ban worked. But opinions differ. So another way of answering the question is to ask whether you wish such a ban could work.

I have not studied the empirical literature, but I do hope that at least some of the proposed gun limitations can be made to stick, just as I hope that the ban on private nuclear weapons ownership can be enforced. It simply seems like the right place to put one's sympathies. Others hope that gun control does not work, because they are comfortable with the idea of an America that allows widespread ownership of powerful weapons.

These wishes are not primarily judgments of fact. Nevertheless they are more important than whatever I end up deciding about the regression coefficients in the research papers. Gifted politicians have long known that their profession is often more about hope than empirical judgment. Maybe it's time for policy analysts to recognize the same.

Another example: Many people, myself included, believe that the current political atmosphere creates a backlash against immigration from distant cultures, disrupting a nation's politics for the worse. But there are two conclusions one can reach from this observation. One, favored by many populists, is to cackle with glee and see a confirmation for the anti-immigration viewpoint. The alternative is to wish society could absorb outsiders more willingly, and then work to help make this happen. That leaves room for liberal attitudes even if the real world denies most of the scope for actual liberal reforms.

What makes anti-immigrant populism so disturbing is not necessarily that it gives voice to this backlash against immigrants, which is undeniable. It is the absence of hope for a better world to come.

Sometimes the dimension of hope leads not toward socialistic utopianism, but in economically conservative or libertarian directions. I do not favor increasing the minimum wage to $15, because I believe it would put many people out of work. But do I wish it would work—that it could redistribute income without much damaging job prospects? The answer is still—probably not.

If the demand for labor did not respond very much to price, a corresponding logic would imply that the labor market can absorb many more immigrants, or women, only with big declines in overall wages (that is a less obvious but still true implication of an inelastic demand for labor). I don't wish for the world to work that way, and in fact I don't think it does. I am rooting for a world in which price signals are pretty potent.

I am reminded of these points by the recent death of the economist James Mirrlees, a Nobel laureate. His most famous contribution to the field was a model suggesting that the marginal rate of tax on the most skilled workers should be zero.

To illustrate the rationale for this view, imagine that Jerry Seinfeld is no longer doing comedy. His non-existent output, correspondingly, results in no government revenue. What if the government taxed his additional comedy work at a rate of zero? Theoretically, such a policy would encourage Seinfeld to produce more comedy shows without harming government revenue. Both Seinfeld and his audience would benefit.

Mirrlees did not think this was a practical guide to policy, if only because the tax authorities will never be able to tell at ex-

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We are in an age of magical thinking and conspiracy theories

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In 1930, the Spanish political philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset, seeking to understand the rise of totalitarian fascist and Bolshevik movements, published what would become one of the 20th century's most influential political texts, "The Revolt of the Masses."

He was fascinated by the onset of mass culture, by the sense of possibility it opened up for ordinary people to live lives of plenty, but also by its dangers to governance and culture based on rationality and respect for expertise and intellectual effort.

Ortega y Gasset foretold the rise of a deeply narcissistic culture, where everyone's point of view was valid, no matter how specious their beliefs. He feared the triumph of a personality that "makes no demands on himself, but contents himself with what he is, and is delighted with himself," a person who "is satisfied with thinking the first thing he finds in his head." He feared a populism that made no room for minorities, and the rise of an anti-intellectualism that denounced the views of experts as "sociological subversion."

Reading his work, it's difficult not to think of our current totalitarian moment, our culture held hostage by a Twitter-obsessed demagogue, our nation divided by distrust of science and a large swath of the populace increasingly prey to conspiracy theories.

Overwhelmingly, the timbre of our age is irrationalist, based around the dangerous notion that it is enough simply to say something to make it real.

If we say often enough, for example, that climate change isn't real, then the glaciers will cease to melt, global temperatures will stop rising, forest fires will die down and sea levels will retreat. If we opine that coal plants' pollution or the release of mercury into the environment don't cause cancer, asthma and other diseases, then they won't. If we promise that eliminating California's higher fuel efficiency and clean air standards won't lead to a resumption of smog in Los Angeles and elsewhere, then it won't.

If we write a note to Congress stating that a 2 percent pay raise for federal employees is being cancelled because it will somehow cost $25 billion (off by a factor of about 10), and claim this action won't impact the ability of the government to retain and to recruit the best talent, then it won't actually have a negative impact.

If we argue that defunding health care organizations that provide testing for sexually transmitted diseases and mammograms won't lead to increases in STDs and in breast cancer, then it won't – notwithstanding huge increases in STD infections in recent years.

If we publish a report concluding that wholesale poverty is no longer a problem, then the one in six Americans living under the government's own definition of the poverty line will no longer be poor, or hungry and struggling to pay the bills.

If we insist that making high-powered semi-automatic weapons as widely available as possible has nothing to do with America's epidemic of mass killings, then it doesn't.

If we indignantly push the point that taking children from their immigrant parents and putting them into detention centers where staff are prohibited from hugging them and where they are punished for crying, isn't child abuse, then it isn't.

If we say that calling African countries "s_hole" nations, or that declaring on TV than an African-American gubernatorial candidate will "monkey things up" isn't racist, then it isn't. If we announce that defending neo-Nazis as "very fine people" isn't a defense of fascists, then it isn't.

If we say that a handshake and a photo-op with a dictator are enough to secure the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, then they are. If we proclaim that the intelligence experts are wrong about Russian interference in western elections, then all that trolling, propaganda, and misinformation will simply be scrubbed from the historical record.

If we throw paper towels out like candy to the victims of Hurricane Maria, we aren't showing contempt for their pain. And if we deny the staggering scale of death caused by that hurricane and say the government response was "fantastic," then it was.

If we first insist that Trump didn't have anything to do with transferring $130,000 to a porn star in exchange for her silence about an affair with Trump, then acknowledge that he did have something to do with the payment, but there was nothing illegal about it, both statements must be simultaneously true.

If we go on television to utter the Orwellian concept that truth isn't truth, as Rudy Giuliani did recently, well then it isn't.

Finally, to cap it all off, if we go on Fox News often enough and say that our performance is "A-plus" then it must be so.

For Ortega y Gasset, the demolition of standards against which the truth could be measured represented both the triumph of vulgarity and of barbarism. In such a world, he wrote, violence becomes the norm and the public becomes inured to the daily barrage of "commonplaces, prejudices, fag-ends of ideas or simply empty words."

'Hothouse Earth': A climate tipping point

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Hot, dry conditions linked to climate change parched California this summer, setting the stage for 17 simultaneous blazes that consumed more than 800,000 acres. The state's largest inferno ever, the Mendocino Complex fire, alone burned more than 460,000 acres and is still not fully contained.

These fires not only reflect an acceleration in climate change. They are also incinerating ecosystems that once removed and stored carbon from the atmosphere. As they burn, forests and grasslands return stored carbon to the atmosphere by the millions of tons.

That increases the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas of greatest concern. This causes more hot, dry conditions and adds to the risk of new fires in a self-perpetuating cycle. Climate scientists call it "positive feedback," and it is but one of many.

Other examples of positive feedbacks include Arctic and Antarctic summer sea ice loss that amplifies regional warming and the thawing of permafrost. As it warms, permafrost releases both carbon dioxide and methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Evidence pouring in now from the Arctic to the Antarctic and from drylands to tropical rain forests, all indicates that California's megafires are not an anomaly but that climate change is becoming more severe globally—and sooner than predicted.

Prestigious new scientific research just published by the National Academy of Sciences concludes that a temperature rise of about 2 and 5 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial temperatures could cause a number of powerful positive feedbacks. The study by Will Steffen of Stockholm University and 15 other distinguished scientists concludes that these feedbacks could soon become the main drivers of climate change, supplanting human carbon emissions.

These positive feedbacks, by triggering a cascade of others, could then set the planet on a one-way course to what scientists call "Hothouse Earth." Seas would rise many meters, flooding coastal cities and disrupting water supplies. Hundreds of millions of climate refugees would be displaced from coastal areas. Crop yields would suffer as population continued surging. Yet with global average surface temperatures today already having risen almost 2° F, we could now be virtually on the verge of this "tipping point."

At temperatures of about 7 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial levels, half the biodiversity on the planet would be consigned to extinction. Large areas of the earth would become uninhabitable to humans; rain forests would die off. The Southwest would turn to desert while other regions suffered massive floods.

Instead of throwing caution to the winds and abandoning the Obama administration's modest emissions restraints as President Donald Trump delights in doing by undermining the previous administration's climate initiatives, the nation needs an all-out effort to transition rapidly to a clean energy economy.

Massive increases in global carbon emissions over the past half century are currently hastening us toward Hothouse Earth. We are thus now at the brink of incomprehensible catastrophe. The only way to steer clear is to phase out coal combustion and other fossil fuels. We will also have to invest heavily in geotherapy—such as reforestation to remove excess carbon dioxide from the air. Otherwise it will continue overheating the planet for thousands of years.

By acting decisively—and utilizing our best intellects to create a national energy transition plan—the U.S. could provide an inspiring model for the rest of the world. Far from ruining the economy, the large necessary investments will provide handsome returns over time and will avoid incalculable future climate damages and adaptation costs.

Public officials, economists, and business leaders alike are also increasingly realizing that fossil fuels today are artificially cheap because their environmental, climate and public health impacts are not reflected in their price. A national carbon fee and rebate program would rectify that and greatly accelerate the transition to clean energy.

To ensure that the world gets in step with us on this, we should also establish an International Atmospheric Authority to set enforceable emission quotas for every nation until fossil fuels are phased out. If we fail in our responsibility to protect the Earth and its climate, there will be hell to pay and our descendants will hold us fully accountable.

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actly what level a zero marginal tax rate will have the desired effect of inducing talented people to continue working. Instead, the model is a guide to thinking about the relevant trade-offs behind tax policy—namely, that foregone output from the talented is a major consideration.

Now, do I wish the world was arranged in such a way that zero tax rates could be handed out, at the proper margins, to these highly talented individuals? Absolutely. I don't think you would find the same aspirational enthusiasm from the progressive left on this issue. My core stance toward highly productive businesspeople is much more positive than, say, that of Paul Krugman or Emmanuel Saez, both of whom have focused on higher marginal tax rates as a means of raising government revenue.

Assessing the empirical data is, of course, important. But to actually understand politics, even as it unfolds in the course of academic debate, it is also necessary to recognize the power of desires and aspirations.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Damaging winds. North winds 25 to 35 mph increasing to 45 to 55 mph by noon.	Mostly cloudy and windy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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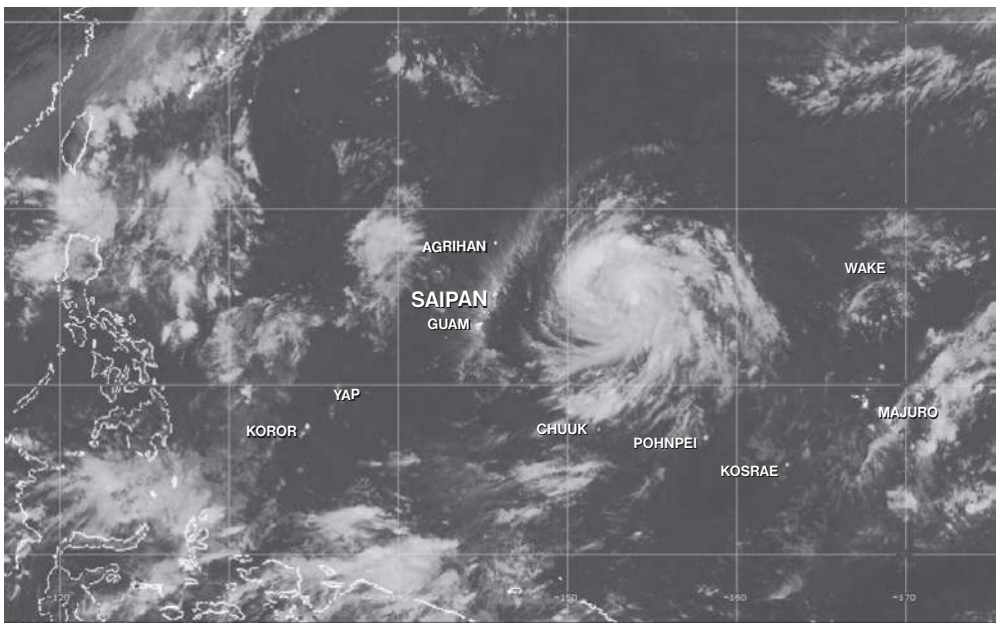

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Focused mainly on the short term, the next 48 hours, which will feature the passage of Tropical Storm Mangkhut, likely a typhoon by that time. Still a fair amount of uncertainty in the track, as the NavGem takes it near Tinian and the non-hydrostatic mesoscale model takes it right over Guam. The key takeaway is that somewhere in the Marianas forecast zones we are likely to see typhoon force winds, and tropical storm force winds will cover much of the area.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼°F
Auckland	Showers	61° / 48°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	82° / 63°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	88° / 77°
London	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 61°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	86° / 67°
Manila	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Melbourne	Windy	72° / 52°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88° / 78°
New York	Showers	75° / 72°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 72°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	77° / 57°
Busan	Windy	77° / 70°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	84° / 63°
Salem	Thunderstorm	88° / 70°
San Francisco	Sunny	67° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	81° / 63°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 68°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	82° / 72°

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2:12 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.19
8:31 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.04

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Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:20 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:19 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:16 AM	6:56 PM	-
Tuesday	7:15 AM	7:42 PM	-
Wednesday	8:12 AM	8:27 PM	-
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7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
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Business

China's trade surplus with US hits record $31B

BEIJING (AP)—China's trade surplus with the United States widened to a record $31 billion in August as exports surged despite American tariff hikes, potentially adding fuel to President Donald Trump's battle with Beijing over industrial policy.

Exports to the United States rose 13.4 percent to $44.4 billion, ticking up from July's 13.3 percent growth, according to customs data. Imports of U.S. goods rose 11.1 percent to $13.3 billion, decelerating from the previous month's 11.8 percent.

That could help reignite U.S. demands that Beijing narrow its trade gap, which has temporarily been overshadowed by their clash over complaints China steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

The two sides have imposed 25 percent tariffs on $50 billion of each other's goods. The Trump administration is deciding whether to extend penalties to another $200 billion list of Chinese imports. Beijing says it will retaliate.

With no settlement in sight, the spiraling conflict between the two biggest economies has fed fears it will chill global trade and economic growth.

The Commerce Ministry expressed confidence Thursday that China can maintain "steady and healthy" economic growth despite the trade pressure.

In this March 29, 2018 photo, a cargo truck drives amid stacked shipping containers at the Yangshan port in Shanghai. China's global trade balance swung to a rare deficit in March as exports shrank but its surplus with the United States, the center of a worsening dispute with Washington, stood at $15.4 billion. AP

On Friday, Trump he was ready to step up pressure by raising tariffs on yet another $267 billion list of Chinese imports. That would mean penalties cover almost all goods from China sold to the United States.

Chinese leaders have rejected pressure to scale back plans for state-led development of global champions in robotics and other technologies.

Their trading partners complain those violate Beijing's free-trade commitments and U.S. officials worry they might erode American industrial leadership. But communist leaders see their industry plans as the path to prosperity and global influence.

As tensions mounted, Beijing agreed in May to narrow its trade gap with the United States by purchasing more American soybeans, natural gas and other exports. Chinese leaders scrapped that deal after Trump's first tariff hikes hit.

Chinese exporters of lower-value goods such as handbags and surgical gloves say U.S. orders have fallen off. But sellers of factory machinery and other more advanced exports express confidence they can keep their U.S. market share.

The Chinese customs agency took the rare step of announcing August trade data on Saturday instead of a working day. That would give financial markets a chance to digest the politically sensitive data before trading opens Monday.

The Chinese trade gap with the United States was up from July's $28 billion and June's $29 billion. Beijing reported a record $275.8 billion trade surplus with the United States last year.

Forecasters had said China's sales to the United States, its largest national export market, might weaken after manufacturers rushed to fill orders ahead of Trump's first tariff hike July 6. But trade data have yet to show a significant impact.

China's global exports rose 12.2 percent to $217.4 billion, down from July's 12.6 percent. Imports rose 20.9 percent to $189.5 billion, down from 21 percent.

The country's global trade gap was $27.9 billion. That meant that without sales to the U.S. market, China would have run a trade deficit.

China regularly runs deficits with many of its trading partners that supply oil, industrial components and other imports and pays for those by running a surplus with the United States and Europe.

Exports to the 28-nation European Union, China's biggest trading partner, rose 11 percent to $37 billion. Imports rose 15 percent to $24.9 billion, leaving a surplus of $6.1 billion.

Trump: Apple can avoid tariffs by shifting production to US

President Donald Trump concedes that some Apple Inc. products may become more expensive if his administration imposes "massive" additional tariffs on Chinese-made goods, but he says the tech company can fix the problem by moving production to the U.S.

"Start building new plants now. Exciting!" Trump said Saturday in a tweet aimed at the Cupertino, California-based company.

This week, Apple said that a proposed new round of $200 billion in additional tariffs on Chinese imports would raise prices on some of its products, including the Apple Watch and the Mac mini.

The company is highly exposed to a trade war between the U.S. and China. It makes many of its products for the U.S. market in China, and it also sells gadgets including the iPhone in China, making them a potential target for Chinese retaliation against the Trump tariffs.

Trump tweeted Saturday that "Apple prices may increase because of the massive Tariffs we may be imposing on China—but there is an easy solution where there would be ZERO tax, and indeed a tax incentive," if the company made its products in the U.S. instead of China.

Apple didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. The company has not announced plans to move manufacturing from China to the U.S.

In its letter this week to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Apple said that "because all tariffs ultimately show up as a tax on US consumers, they will increase the cost of Apple products that our customers have come to rely on in their daily lives."

The company said tariffs would hit "a wide range of Apple products," including computers, watches, adapters, chargers and tools used in its U.S. manufacturing, repair and data centers. Apple said the tariffs would raise the cost of its U.S. operations and put it at a disadvantage to foreign rivals.

The White House has accused China of stealing U.S. intellectual property and forcing American companies to share their technology with Chinese companies. The tariffs would pressure China to stop that behavior, the administration has said. Apple said "it is difficult to see" how tariffs would advance the government's goal.

The presidential tweet is the latest salvo in a dispute between the Trump administration and companies that fear tariffs will hurt their business.

The Trump administration has imposed tariffs of $50 billion on imports from China, mostly equipment and material used by manufacturers. CEO Tim Cook said in July that those measures had no effect on Apple. The company is concerned, however, about the Trump administration's proposal to add 25 percent duties on another $200 billion in Chinese goods, including a wider assortment of consumer-related items.

Prime minister says Greece back on road to economic recovery

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)—Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras painted an optimistic vision Saturday night of a Greece that has emerged from eight years of financial austerity imposed by creditors and is on the road to economic recovery.

Laying out his economic program for the coming year in a speech at Greece's largest trade fair, Tsipras said he will seek to keep lowering the unemployment rate that peaked at nearly 28 percent in 2013, raise wages and cut some taxes.

And in an unusual gesture for a leftist politician who has spent far more time protesting outside the U.S. Embassy than in meeting with U.S. officials, Tsipras emphasized Greece's close relations with America, calling it "a country with which we are tied in a strong strategic partnership and in common struggles for shared values."

For the first time, a guest, U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, addressed the trade fair's Saturday evening gathering, which normally hears only Greece's prime minister set out his economic policy goals.

Ross also noted the closeness of U.S.-Greek ties, and he praised Greece for meeting its defense spending commitments in the trans-Atlantic alliance. "We would like to see other NATO countries fulfill their engagements in the same way," he said.

Outlining his achievements, Tsipras said that 300,000 new jobs have been added in the three years since he took power at the depth of Greece's economic crisis and that the long-declining economy is expected to grow 2.5 percent in 2018.

He said he wants the jobless rate to drop from the current 19 percent to 10 percent over the next five years and Greek debt to reach investment grade within two years. He promised to lower the corporate tax rate, expand welfare spending, provide tax breaks to lure back university-educated young people who migrated, raise the minimum wage and restore collective bargaining on wages. He also promised retroactive pay raises to the police, military and judiciary.

Addressing the contentious issue of further pension cuts committed to by his government under pressure from creditors, Tsipras said he thinks the government's budget surplus targets can be achieved without more cuts in pensions but added that he will discuss this with the EU later in the year.

Greece last month ended its third international financial bailout and now must return to markets that have been rattled by financial concerns and a jump in borrowing rates in nearby Italy.

Earlier Saturday, Ross inaugurated the annual trade fair, with Tsipras at his side. The United States is the featured country at this year's event, hosting exhibits from major corporations including tech giants Microsoft, Cisco, Facebook, Google and IBM.

Greek-U.S. bilateral trade totals more than $2 billion annually. Ross said U.S. corporations want to boost commerce with Greece, a long-standing NATO ally that is also in talks to intensify military cooperation with the U.S.

Nation

Wildfire that closed key California highway explodes in size

In this Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 photo, wildfires continued to burn on the ridge line east of I-5 just south of Gibson Rd., exit near Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Calif. AP

SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP)—A roaring wildfire that shut down a stretch of a major interstate near the California-Oregon border exploded in size as crews on Saturday scrambled to prevent flames from reaching rural communities.

The blaze in California's Shasta-Trinity National Forest was burning out of control after chewing through 58 square miles (150 square kilometers) of timber and brush since Wednesday.

Aircraft were temporarily prevented from making water and retardant drops because heavy smoke was trapped under cloud cover, making for limited visibility for pilots. Firefighters working in rugged terrain were contending with hot temperatures and gusty winds.

Authorities announced Friday that a 45-mile (72-kilometer) section of Interstate 5 north of Redding would remain closed at least until Sunday.

The fire has destroyed thousands of trees—some 70 feet (20 meters) tall—that could fall onto the highway that traverses the entire West Coast from Mexico to Canada and serves as a main artery for commerce.

Truckers and other motorists were forced to take circuitous local routes that added hours to travel times.

Interstate 5 became a ghost road after fire turned hills on either side into walls of flame. Drivers fled in terror and several big-rigs burned.

Nearly 300 homes were considered threatened, but the blaze was not burning near any large towns, fire spokesman Brandon Vacarro said.

Meanwhile crews near California's border with Nevada gained minimal containment of another wildfire that closed highways on the edge of the Sierra Nevada.

A previous fire this year near Redding and another in the Mendocino area—the two largest blazes in the state this year—destroyed or damaged 8,800 homes and 329 businesses.

The Mendocino fire was expected to be fully contained by Sunday, more than six weeks after it started.

Obama, on campaign swing, urges 'sanity in our politics'

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Former President Barack Obama said Saturday that November midterm elections would give Americans "a chance to restore some sanity in our politics," taking another swipe at his successor as he raises his profile campaigning for fellow Democrats to regain control of the House.

Obama didn't mention President Donald Trump by name during a 20-minute speech in the key Southern California battleground of Orange County but the allusions were clear.

"We're in a challenging moment because, when you look at the arc of American history, there's always been a push and pull between those who want to go forward and those who want to look back, between those who want to divide and those are seeking to bring people together, between those who promote the politics of hope and those who exploit the politics of fear," he said.

His appearance—one day after a strongly worded critique of Trump at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—touched on themes of retirement security, climate change and education.

"If we don't step up, things can get worse," the former president told the audience at the Anaheim Convention Center. "In two months, we have the chance to restore some sanity to our politics. We have the chance to flip the House of Representatives and make sure there are real checks and balances in Washington."

Obama gave shout-outs to seven Democratic candidates in competitive House districts across California that are considered crucial to the party's efforts to oust Republicans from control. Four of those districts are at least partly in Orange County, a formerly reliable GOP bastion that went for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

"We're going to put on our marching shoes, we're going to start knocking on some doors, we're going to start making some calls," he said to cheers.

Clinton trounced Trump by more than 4 million votes in California in 2016 and carried Orange County by 9 percentage points. A surge in immigrants has transformed California and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites in the state since 1998. Meanwhile, new voters, largely Latinos and Asians, lean Democratic.

In Orange County, Republicans held a 13-point edge in voter registration 10 years ago but that has shrunk to 3 points while independents, who tend to vote like Democrats in California, have climbed to 25 percent.

Democrats, hoping to build on their 39-14 advantage in the state's congressional delegation, are eyeing Republican seats in districts that Clinton won in 2016. Each of the seven candidates that Obama campaigned for on Saturday fit that description.

In Orange County, GOP Rep. Mimi Walters faces a challenge from Katie Porter, a law professor at University of California at Irvine. Environmental lawyer Mike Levin is seeking an open seat to replace retiring GOP Rep. Darrell Issa in a district that includes part of Orange County.

Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, whose district encompasses part of Orange County, is fending off a challenge from Democratic real estate investor Harley Rouda to secure a 16th term in Congress despite barely winning 30 percent of the primary vote. In the other Orange County race, Gil Cisneros, a Democratic philanthropist and Navy veteran, is vying for an open seat created by retiring Republican Ed Royce.

Obama also highlighted two races in the state's Central Valley, praising venture capitalist Josh Harder in his bid to unseat four-term Republican Jeff Denham, and T.J. Cox, who is challenging David Valadao in a district where Democrats hold a 17-point advantage in voter registration.

He also made a plug for nonprofit executive Katie Hill in her Los Angeles-area race to unseat sophomore Republican Steve Knight, who won an underwhelming 53 percent of the vote in 2016.

California Republicans said Obama's appearance would have little impact and may even help their party.

"I wish he would come more often because he reminds Republicans of eight years of misery," said Republican National Committeeman Shawn Steel, who lives in Orange County. "It reminds the Republicans why these midterms are important."

Vice President Mike Pence says it's disappointing that Obama is back on the campaign trail criticizing Trump.

Says Pence: "The truth is, the American people in 2016 rejected the policy and direction of Barack Obama when they elected President Donald Trump." Pence comments came in a taped interview set to air on "Fox News Sunday." Fox released an excerpt on Saturday.

Obama is expected to deliver a similar message in Cleveland on Thursday, when he campaigns on behalf of Richard Cordray, the Democratic nominee for Ohio governor, and other Democrats.

ACROSS THE NATION

Powerful hurricane could be headed to southeast US

ATLANTA (AP)—The U.S. East Coast could be hit with a powerful hurricane next week as Tropical Storm Florence continues to strengthen as it moves toward the mainland, forecasters said Saturday. Florence is expected to become a major hurricane by Monday, the National Hurricane Center said, adding that "a rapid intensification" is forecast to begin Sunday. The storm is forecast to become a "major hurricane" Monday, travel between Bermuda and the Bahamas on Tuesday and Wednesday before approaching the southeastern U.S. coast on Thursday, the Miami-based weather center said. Officials in the Carolinas warned residents to prepare and to brace for impact.

Missouri sheriff's deputy dies when flooding sweeps away car

FAIR GROVE, Mo. (AP)—Authorities say a Missouri sheriff's deputy has died after his patrol car was swept away by floodwaters. The Springfield News-Leader reports that 35-year-old Greene County Deputy Aaron Paul Roberts had just returned to service following a 911 hang-up call Friday night when he radioed that his car had been washed off the road into the Pomme de Terre River in Fair Grove, which is about 180 miles (290 kilometers) southwest of St. Louis. Sheriff Jim Arnott says Roberts' body was found inside the car a short time later. The National Weather Service in Springfield reports that there was heavy rainfall and flooding in low-lying areas in that region Friday night. Roberts had worked for the Greene County Sheriff's Office for about a year. He is survived by a wife and child.

Woman, child drown as heavy rain brings flooding to Texas

DALLAS (AP)—A woman and her young child have drowned after their car was swept into a flooded culvert in Fort Worth amid heavy rainfall across North Texas and other parts of the state. Fort Worth police officer Jimmy Pollozani says the car had stalled in floodwaters Saturday near the culvert. He says passing vehicles created waves that pushed the car into the culvert, submerging it. The bodies of the woman, who was in her 20s, and her 2-year-old were later recovered. The soil already was saturated from rain in recent days, causing heavy rainfall that began Friday to overwhelm creeks and turn streets into streams. The National Weather Service issued flash-flood watches for parts of the state. Up to 7 inches (18 centimeters) of rain was forecast for areas around San Antonio.

Asia

N. Korea stages huge parade, holds back on advanced missiles

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea rolled out some of its latest tanks and marched its best-trained goose-stepping units through Kim Il Sung Square in a major military parade on Sunday to mark its 70th anniversary, but held back its most advanced missiles and devoted nearly half of the event to civilian efforts to build the domestic economy.

The strong emphasis on the economy underscores leader Kim Jong Un's new strategy of putting economic development front and center.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans waving brightly colored plastic bouquets filled Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square as the parade began. Pyongyang residents have been training for months for the anniversary and held up the bouquets to spell out words and slogans that can be seen from the VIP viewing area.

Kim attended the morning parade but did not address the assembled crowd, which included the head of the Chinese parliament and high-level delegations from countries that have friendly ties with the North.

At the end of the two-hour event he strolled to the edge of the balcony with the Chinese special envoy, Li Zhanshu, who is also the third-ranking member in China's ruling Communist Party. The two held up their joined hands to symbolize the countries' traditionally close ties, though the absence of Chinese President Xi Jinping could indicate Beijing still has some reservations about Kim's initiatives.

AP

Tanks roll past during a parade for the 70th anniversary of North Korea's founding day in Pyongyang, North Korea, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018. North Korea staged a major military parade, huge rallies and will revive its iconic mass games on Sunday to mark its 70th anniversary as a nation.

Senior statesman Kim Yong Nam, the head of North Korea's parliament, set the relatively softer tone for the event with an opening speech that emphasized the economic goals of the regime, not its nuclear might. He called on the military to be ready to work to help build the economy.

After a truncated parade featuring tanks and some of its biggest artillery, fewer than the usual number of missiles and lots of goose-stepping units from all branches of the military, the focus switched to civilian groups ranging from nurses to students to construction workers, many with colorful floats beside them.

The combining of military and civilian sections is a familiar North Korean parade format.

The past two big anniversaries of North Korea's founding, in 2008 and 2013, did not feature the Korean People's Army, only the civil defense units, which are officially called "Worker Peasant Red Guards."

Although North Korea stages military parades almost every year, and held one just before the Olympics began in South Korea in February this year, Sunday's parade came at a particularly sensitive time.

Kim's effort to ease tensions with President Donald Trump has stalled since their June summit in Singapore. Both sides are now insisting on a different starting point. Washington wants Kim to commit to denuclearization first, but Pyongyang wants its security guaranteed and a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War.

With tensions once again on the rise, a parade featuring the very missiles that so unnerved Trump last year, and led to a dangerous volley of insults from both leaders, could have been seen as a deliberate provocation. The North also refrained from immediately televising the event, though North Korean media were out in force to film it, deploying booms and — for possibly the first time — drones with cameras.

Capital residents unable to attend at the square lined the streets around town to cheer and applaud convoys carrying the troops after they complete the parade duties.

Soon after the Sunday celebrations end, Kim will once again meet in Pyongyang with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to discuss ways to break the impasse over his nuclear weapons.

The "new line" of putting economic development first has been Kim's top priority this year. He claims to have perfected his nuclear arsenal enough to deter U.S. aggression and devote his resources to raising the nation's standard of living.

Duterte: Defiant senator won't be arrested without warrant

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has decided not to seek the arrest of an opposition senator, who has taken refuge in the Senate, without a court warrant after the defiant lawmaker asked the Supreme Court to declare Duterte's order illegal.

The decision, however, failed to ease tensions between Duterte and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, the volatile president's fiercest critic in Congress. "This is not true," Trillanes said Friday of Duterte's assurance.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque told a news conference in Jordan, where Duterte is winding up a visit, that the president made the decision "to abide with the rule of law" after a long discussion with Cabinet officials who were traveling with him. Duterte is to return home Saturday, a day earlier than originally scheduled.

"The instruction is to abide with the rule of law," Roque said. "If there is no warrant of arrest issued by any court, do not apprehend Sen. Trillanes."

Backed by dozens of supporters, Trillanes did not immediately venture out of the Senate building, where he has been marooned since Tuesday. His lawyer said the senator would make sure there is no more danger of an "illegal arrest."

In a signed proclamation made public Tuesday, Duterte voided a 2011 amnesty granted to Trillanes, who once joined mutinies as a navy officer, and ordered his arrest.

Trillanes refused to leave the Senate and instead asked the Supreme Court in a petition to declare Duterte's order illegal without a court warrant, which, if upheld by the high court, could open the president to impeachment bids.

Known for his temper and outbursts against critics, Duterte has openly expressed anger against Trillanes, who has accused him of large-scale corruption and involvement in illegal drugs and extrajudicial killings in an anti-drug crackdown that has left thousands of suspects dead. Duterte has denied the allegations.

The Department of Justice said Duterte voided Trillanes's amnesty because the senator did not file a formal amnesty application and admit guilt for his role in past coup attempts.

Trillanes, however, has presented TV and newspaper reports, along with defense department documents, showing he applied for the amnesty and acknowledged his role in three military uprisings between 2003 and 2007.

Trillanes, 47, was jailed for more than seven years for involvement in the army uprisings, including a 2003 mutiny against then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo when he and other young officers rigged part of a road in the Makati financial district with bombs and took over an upscale residential building.

After being amnestied under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, Trillanes successfully petitioned two Philippine courts to dismiss rebellion and coup cases against him, allowing him to later run for public office.

Japan quake toll up to 20 as rescuers dig through landslides

ATSUMA, Japan (AP)—The toll from an earthquake that rocked Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido rose to 20 on Friday, and 19 others remained unaccounted for in one small town after an entire mountainside collapsed on their homes.

The region was slowly restoring transport links and power, with lights back in about half of the homes on the island of 5.4 million people after a day of region-wide blackouts. Officials said they hoped to have the generating capacity close to normal by the weekend, though full repairs to Hokkaido's main power plant could take up to a week.

Rescuers were using search dogs, backhoes and shovels as they dug through tons of mud and debris from the landslides triggered by the magnitude 6.7 quake that struck before dawn Thursday.

After more than a day of digging there were no reports of survivors being pulled from their crushed homes in the outskirts of the town of Atsuma, not far from the quake's epicenter.

There were scant signs of damage inside Atsuma itself, a seaside community of about 4,600 that advertises itself as a destination for surfing and a great lifestyle. But by late Friday, the power still had not been restored and stores were closed.

"There are no supplies, so the shop simply cannot function. It's tough," said Yasuhiro Kurosaki, a young father whose wife was cradling their infant son outside the small supermarket owned by his father. Shelves inside the darkened shop were bare aside from a few boxes of potato chips.

Most residents sought meals, water and shelter at the local social services office.

Farther inland, unharvested rice fields stretched before a long expanse of hillside that had collapsed all at once, bringing earth and timber down on homes that had been tucked along the edge of the mountain.

Of the 20 people confirmed or presumed dead, 17 were from Atsuma.

In the regional capital, Sapporo, lights and water were restored to many areas a day after the entire island saw power cut off. Bullet train services resumed and the city's airport at Chitose reopened.

Some parts of the city were severely damaged, with houses atilt and roads crumbled or sunken. A mudslide left several cars half buried, and the ground subsided in some areas, leaving drainpipes and manhole covers protruding by more than a meter (yard) in some places.

"This is shocking. I was always walking on this street and I had never imagined this road could collapse in such a way," said resident Noriyuki Sumi. "But, if you think positively, imagine if I was walking here when this took place. I might have lost my life. So, I try to think I am lucky in this unfortunate situation."

World

Stabbing of candidate shakes Brazil's presidential race

SAO PAULO (AP)—The stabbing of a leading Brazilian presidential candidate jolted an already wildly unpredictable campaign to lead Latin America's largest nation, with doctors saying Friday that Jair Bolsonaro will be hospitalized for at least a week.

Supporters of the far-right congressman who wants to crack down on crime said the attack would only boost his chances in next month's election, but it was unclear when he would be able to return to campaigning in person.

A knife-wielding man whose motive was unknown stabbed Bolsonaro during a rally Thursday in Juiz de Fora, a city about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Rio de Janeiro, as he was being carried on the shoulders of a supporter.

Bolsonaro, 63, suffered intestinal damage and serious internal bleeding, said Dr. Luiz Henrique Borsato, one of the surgeons who operated on the candidate. He was in serious but stable condition and would remain in intensive care for seven to 10 days, Borsato said.

AP

In this video still provided by Fernando Goncalves, National Social Liberal Party presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro is carried away after being stabbed during a campaign rally in Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

The candidate was transferred Friday to a premier hospital in Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city. Supporters outside the hospital carried a giant inflatable doll of Bolsonaro dressed in a formal suit with a sash that said "President."

"No matter what you think about him, he did not deserve this," said Mauro Rodrigues, owner of a construction business who went to the hospital to support Bolsonaro. "It will definitely increase his chances of winning the election because people will be more sympathetic toward him."

The attack is likely to have a major impact on the remaining four weeks of the campaign, from how candidates interact with supporters to their message.

For Bolsonaro, there will be questions about his physical ability to campaign—a key factor in a country slightly larger than the continental United States—as well as whether the attack will give him a boost among voters.

"He probably won't go back to the streets during this campaign, so he can't do it, but we can," his son, Flavio, said in a video posted on Facebook. "More than ever I count with each one of you."

Bolsonaro's vice presidential running mate, retired Gen. Hamilton Mourao, told reporters that the candidate will "come out of this process stronger than he went in."

The sentiment was echoed by Flavio Bolsonaro, who tweeted: "Jair Bolsonaro is stronger than ever and ready to be elected President of Brazil in the 1st ROUND!"

About a dozen candidates are competing in the Oct. 7 voting. If no one wins an outright majority, a second round will be held Oct. 28.

In a video posted on the Facebook page of a senator who visited him in the hospital, Bolsonaro thanked his doctors in a weak and scratchy voice and said: "I never did harm to anyone."

He described a painful wound, saying he had worried about an attack on the campaign trail.

"I was preparing for this sort of thing. You run risks," he said.

The leader in the polls is former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, but he is serving a 12-year sentence for corruption and has been barred from running. Bolsonaro is currently second, and while he has enthusiastic followers, his disapproval rating is higher than any other major candidate.

Friday was Independence Day in Brazil, and Bolsonaro had planned to attend a military parade in Rio de Janeiro.

The former army captain openly praises Brazil's 1964-85 dictatorship and has long argued the country is in chaos and needs a strong hand. That message has resonated with Brazilians, but his often derogatory comments about women, blacks and gays have also repulsed many.

The attack "will turn into a dispute between the left and right," said Mauricio Santoro, a political science professor at Rio de Janeiro's state university. "It's time that all presidential candidates make a declaration together to stop the aggressiveness."

Videos on social media show Bolsonaro on the shoulders of a supporter, looking out at the crowd and giving a thumbs-up with his left hand. He suddenly flinches and then goes out of view. Other videos show supporters carrying him to a car and hitting a man who was apparently the attacker.

The suspect, identified by authorities as 40-year-old Adelio Bispo de Oliveira, was arrested within seconds.

The internet news portal G1 posted cellphone video, apparently obtained from police, of de Oliveira being questioned. Sitting on the floor with his hands cuffed behind him, a voice can be heard asking him who had sent him to attack Bolsonaro.

"I didn't say anybody sent me," said de Oliveira. "He who sent me was God on high."

Pope tells bishops to fight abuse, culture behind it

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis told newly ordained bishops Saturday that they must reject all forms of abuse and work in communion to fight the clerical culture that has fueled the sex abuse and cover-up scandal rocking his papacy.

Francis cited his recent letter about combatting abuse during an audience with 74 new bishops from 34 developing countries. The bishops were in Rome for training this week.

Their seminar took place during a crisis for the pope: a lone archbishop has alleged Francis covered up for a now-former U.S. cardinal who was accused of sexually molesting children and adult seminarians.

Francis has ignored calls from clergy and ordinary faithful to respond directly to the claims, saying there were times when "silence and prayer" were the best response.

However, the pontiff spoke in a general way about the Catholic Church's abuse scandal to the new bishops. Many of them hail from dioceses where mishandled clerical abuse cases haven't erupted publicly like it has in the United States, Europe and parts of Latin America.

"Just say no to abuse—of power, conscience or any type," Francis said, adding that to do so the bishops must reject the clerical culture that often places clergy on a pedestal and which Francis himself has blamed for fueling the scandal.

Francis also told the new bishops they are there to serve their flocks, and must work in communion with the church, not as lone actors.

"The bishop can't have all the gifts—the complete set of charisms—even though some think they do, poor things," Francis said. The church, he said, needs unity of bishops "not lone actors working outside the chorus, conducting their own personal battles."

It was perhaps an indirect swipe at Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, who broke with centuries of Vatican protocol and pontifical secret to name names and denounce two decades of cover-up by top Vatican bishops, cardinals and popes of the misconduct by ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

Specifically, Vigano said he told Francis about McCarrick in 2013, but claimed Francis nevertheless rehabilitated the American cardinal from sanctions that Pope Benedict XVI purportedly imposed in 2009 or 2010.

The Vatican has refused repeated requests for information about what, if any, sanctions were imposed on McCarrick, and what, if anything, Francis did about them.

Vigano's bombshell accusations have plunged the papacy into crisis, with a steady trickle of revelations coming out about who knew what and when about McCarrick—and what they did with that information.

On Friday, Catholic News Service, the news agency of the U.S. bishops' conference, published a 2006 letter from a top Vatican official confirming that the Holy See knew as early as 2000 about McCarrick's penchant for inviting seminarians into his bed.

The letter, from now-Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, confirmed a key part of Vigano's testimony: That a New York City priest, the Rev. Boniface Ramsay, had written the Vatican's U.S. ambassador in November 2000 complaining about McCarrick's behavior.

Bombings and air raids kill 4 in Syria's rebel-held Idlib

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian government and Russian warplanes on Saturday targeted the southern edge of Idlib province in what activists described as the most intense airstrikes in weeks, ratcheting up military pressure on the densely populated rebel-held bastion.

More than 60 air raids killed at least four civilians in southern Idlib, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and rescue workers. The bombings also included indiscriminate barrel bombs, dropped from choppers, invariably blamed on the government.

The bombings, including shelling from government areas, came a day after Iran and Russia backed a military campaign in the rebel-held area despite Turkey's pleas for a cease-fire. Turkey has troops and 12 observations points that circle Idlib.

State-run Al-Ikhbariya TV said the government was retaliating against overnight shelling from rebel-held areas on a government-held town in Hama province, south of Idlib. The shelling late Friday in Mhradah killed nine civilians, according to state media. The state news agency SANA said government forces have shelled "terrorist" posts in northern Hama.

But the government and Russian raids targeted a wide swath of rebel-held area in the southern edge of the rebel-held enclave that includes most of Idlib province and northern Hama province. More than 3 million people live in the area, nearly half of them already displaced from fighting elsewhere in Syria.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported 68 air raids and 19 barrel bombs dropped Saturday on several of towns and villages in southwestern Idlib and Hama province. The area targeted over the past few days overlooks government-controlled areas.

The Observatory described the attacks on the rebel-held areas as the "most intense" since August and said they killed four in Abdeen, west of Khan Sheikhoun town, including two children and a woman.

The raids forced schools to close in Khan Sheikhoun, a town under attack, according to the Observatory.

The White Helmets, a team of first responders, also reported on the four people killed in Abdeen. A video posted by the White Helmets from the town shows their rescuers pulling a woman who was still alive from under the rubble of a caked building, as other team members warn of government helicopters hovering above them.

The rescuers said another was killed in Halba, a village farther north. The group said one of its already damaged centers had been hit in the wave of airstrikes.

Focus

'Broken' economics for preschool workers, child care sector

AP

In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, Rachel Lipsky, left, poses with her daughters Azra Maidadi, center, and Naima Maidadi at Azra's preschool and where Naima previously attended in Shoreline, Wash. Lipsky and her husband were already at a disadvantage when they started looking for child care while she was pregnant in 2012. The 38-year-old project manager discovered it wasn't a problem they could solve with money, given they were in an already-expensive market that charges about $2,000 monthly per child. They eventually secured a spot for their girls, but the road to preschool was daunting, emotional, time-consuming and pricy.

By SALLY HO
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SEATTLE (AP)—A dire child care workforce crisis amid a booming U.S. economy is compelling many industry players to turn to business tactics more closely resembling Wall Street than "Sesame Street"—including noncompete clauses for child care workers and client families, college tuition incentives for the workers and nonrefundable wait list fees for desperate parents seeking day care slots. Underlying the phenomenon is a shrinking pool of child care workers with employers still offering low pay while demand for high-quality child care programs skyrockets, particularly in expensive urban areas like Seattle, with a rise in children needing care and a decline in providers. Child care workers in the U.S. make less than parking lot attendants and dog-walkers, said Marcy Whitebook, co-director of the University of California, Berkeley's Center for the Study of Child Care Employment. "If you can't get workers to do the job, then it's hard to expand the supply. And when the economy is good, that's when you need to expand the supply," Whitebook said. "The economics of early childhood in the United States are quite broken." In Seattle, the fastest growing U.S. big city, the population and household incomes have skyrocketed because of the technology boom—creating a child care hole with costs reaching about $2,000 monthly per child. The advocacy group Child Care Aware reports that in 2017, there were 132,000 more children up to age 6 in Washington state who could use formal child care arrangements, compared to the number of available child care slots. Nationally, Whitebook said two-thirds of all children in that age range have parents who are both working. Some child care centers are so popular in Seattle, New York and San Francisco that parents pay to get on waiting lists while still trying to conceive. That meant Rachel Lipsky and her husband were already at a disadvantage when they started looking for child care while she was pregnant in 2012. She thinks the system is troubled but doesn't blame the workers, saying "they work two times harder than I do. Who am I to quibble?" Lipsky, a 38-year-old government agency project manager, paid the waitlist fees before her child was out of the womb, didn't get her daughter into her first choice care centers but eventually secured a spot for the girl and another child born later. She said the road to finding care for her children, now 5 and 3, was daunting, emotional, time-consuming and pricey. Licensed providers caring for children from infancy through 5 years old say they have tried for years to professionalize what is largely a decentralized array of small businesses. But the industry as a whole has always stumbled with high labor turnover as the jobs offer low pay and high stress. Experts say care for young children is expensive because it requires intensive labor, but families can only afford to pay so much. Aubrey Zoli, 38, said she loves working with 4- and 5-year-olds at the popular Wallingford Child Care Center in Seattle but struggles with the $16.90 hourly pay, especially with a bachelor's degree. "I love the job but I can't afford to live it. A lot of our teachers have second incomes from second projects because it's impossible to live on these wages in Seattle," said Zoli, who also does work as a musician and event-planner. Her boss, Jenny Cimbalnik, concedes that the nonprofit Wallingford center can't afford higher wages because it already puts 80 to 90 percent of revenue into staffing costs. The median annual pay for child care workers—including those in formal facilities and home-based centers, as well as private nannies—increased by 13 percent between 2014 and 2017, to $22,290, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. During the same period, the pool of U.S. child care workers dropped to 562,420 workers, down 21,000 people, or 3.5 percent of the workforce. Laws regulate how many children child care centers can take and busy centers say it's not unusual for parents to try to bribe center officials with money or gifts for child care slots or offers to pay extra tuition. Some parents sob while pleading for the slots—a practice child care centers call "cold-crying." Experts say public policy and demographics have exacerbated demand. Dual-income households headed by millennials are more often concentrated in urban centers. Parents also increasingly favor high-quality early education programs with trained teachers and academic philosophies instead of the mere babysitting functionalities of yesterday's "nursery" day care systems. The shift comes as a growing body of brain development research shows children who attend good preschools are better off as adults, with higher incomes and healthier lifestyles. That has contributed to political momentum for government-subsidized pre-Kindergarten programs, which has also affected child care centers. Business operations suffered at the Wallingford center when the city launched a pre-K program in 2014, Cimbalnik said. Toddlers that cost less to care for left for free preschool, creating an imbalanced demand among higher-cost infants. Wallingford was also stretched financially when the city's $15 hourly minimum wage law took effect in 2015. Amid the challenges, Bright Horizons Children's Centers, one of the country's largest publicly traded, for-profit child care businesses, recently announced a new college tuition incentive program for its employees. CEO Stephen Kramer said the company's turnover rate is well below the 50 percent industry average, but he wanted to boost the numbers of career-minded early education professionals. Some child care centers now use noncompete-like and "hold harmless" policies to combat family "poaching" of child care workers to become their personal nannies and to address other outside work arrangements by child care workers. Bright Horizons' noncompete-like policy forbids families and workers from using each other for private babysitting opportunities because the company cannot manage the work outside of its facilities, Kramer said. "If something goes wrong, it becomes an uncomfortable situation," he said. Cimbalnik said the Wallingford center loses several teachers every year to more lucrative nanny offers but allows outside babysitting because it gives workers extra income and builds tighter relationships with family clients. The company requires workers and families to sign "hold harmless" agreements to avoid liability. Getting on a waitlist at a Bright Horizons location in Seattle costs $100 while Wallingford charges $75. Many parents report spending hundreds of dollars to get their names on as many waitlists as possible, realizing they may not get slots for their children at most locations. Wallingford also has a separate waiting list for its free monthly tours. The wait? Nine months.

AP

In this photo taken Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, Vincent Seeborn, 2, reaches out from a structure on the playground at the Wallingford Child Care Center in Seattle. A dire workforce crisis in a booming U.S. economy is forcing many in the child care industry to turn to business tactics more closely resembling Wall Street than Sesame Street. Non-compete and "hold-harmless" legal agreements, college tuition incentives for workers and steep waiting-list fees for parents are fast becoming the norm.

Health & Wellness

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To reduce your risk of obesity, it helps to have a mom who follows 5 healthy habits

By MELISSA HEALY
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Regular exercise can lower your blood pressure and improve your cholesterol levels, leading to a lower risk of heart disease, stroke and obesity. DREAMSTIME/TNS

Mothers lead the way for their children. And new research finds that the paths that moms walk (or the couches they sit and smoke on) make a powerful difference in their children's propensity to become obese.

A study that tracked close to 17,000 female nurses and their 24,289 kids has found that women who practiced five healthy habits—maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, eating a nutritious diet, consuming no more than moderate quantities of alcohol and not smoking cigarettes—had adolescents that were 75 percent less likely to be very overweight than the children of moms who practiced none of those healthy habits.

When kids followed their moms along that optimally healthy path, they were 82 percent less likely to be obese in adolescence than were the children who followed their mothers down a path including none of the healthy behaviors, the study found.

The new research was published this week in the journal BMJ.

Parents' genetic contributions to their offspring do influence a child's propensity to obesity. But the steep run-up in child obesity seen in the span of fewer than two generations can't possibly be explained by genes alone. Today, nearly 1 in 5 children between the ages of 6 and 19 is considered obese, a rate that's more than tripled since the 1970s.

Since nature can't be blamed, the authors of the new research went looking for the influence of nurture in driving child obesity. (And let's face it: When you think of nurture—or blame, for that matter—moms are No. 1.)

The new study parses out which healthy habits seem to contribute most to protecting teens from obesity.

Mom's own weight status appeared to exert an outsize influence on her kids' risk for obesity. The children of women whose body mass index falls in the "healthy weight" range were 56 percent less likely to be obese than were the offspring of either underweight or obese moms.

The children of mothers who don't smoke were 31 percent less likely to be obese than were the children of moms who did smoke.

When mothers got 150 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous exercise a week, their kids were 21 percent less likely to be obese in adolescence than were the children of less active moms.

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According to the CDC, there are 9 more key benefits to physical activity beyond a longer lifespan. For school-age kids, regular exercise leads to better grades, school attendance, brain function and classroom behaviors. For adults, it improves brain function, including thinking, learning and judgment skills.

So few of the women who participated in the study were considered heavy drinkers that the authors could not compute the influence of high alcohol consumption on the obesity risks of their offspring. But they did find a small benefit to the children of women who were light or moderate drinkers over teetotalers. When mom consumed between one and seven servings per week, her kids' risk of obesity was between 11 percent and 20 percent lower, respectively.

However, the children of women whose diets scored in the top 40 percent of the federal government's healthy-eating guidelines were not less likely to be obese than were the children of women whose nutrition choices landed them in the remaining 60 percent. Given mothers' seemingly key role in preparing meals and modeling good nutrition habits, this finding was a bit of a surprise.

That mom's dietary choices were not as influential as her other health-related choices may reflect a reality of modern-day childhood, the authors explained: Children's diets are influenced by many factors, including school lunches and the food options they encounter in their neighborhoods.

The new findings lend support to the idea that programs to reduce obesity in children need to look beyond the children themselves.

Recess and gym classes can be restored, school lunches can be improved and television advertising aimed at kids can be limited. But families are still early and powerful influences on children's preferences. And programs targeting families—and sometimes parents alone—appear to be effective in protecting children from obesity as they grow and their horizons expand.

The stakes are high: A 2017 study by researchers at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health calculated that 57 percent of today's kids are on track to become obese by the time they reach 35. Unless the inexorable rise in child obesity can be reversed, the study suggested, obesity will be the new normal.

And the struggle is especially acute for low-income families, for which child obesity is a growing problem. Food that is high in fat and calories and low in nutrition is cheap and ubiquitous, making it one of the few indulgences a parent struggling to make ends meet can afford to say "yes" to.

But even for imperfect role models, all is not lost. Toting up good habits where she can, a mom with a few flaws can make a difference in her children's obesity risk, the study authors noted.

Maybe, for instance, mom is obese and still smokes. When women maintained a healthy diet, exercised for 150 minutes or more per week, and drank between one and seven servings of alcohol per week, their kids' risk of being obese was 23 percent lower.

In short, any good habits matter, said Qi Sun, a Harvard professor of nutrition and senior author of the new study.

When it comes to lowering her kids' risk of obesity, he said, a mother's "overall healthy lifestyle really outweighs any individual healthy lifestyle factors."

Life & Style

On and off screen, Burt Reynolds followed many paths

By JOHN ROGERS
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In the April 1972 issue of Cosmopolitan, Burt Reynolds had (almost) nothing to hide.

With his trademark bushy mustache topping his ever-present smirk and one of his hands strategically covering his private parts, Reynolds dared to bare — as he did most of his life.

He would call his Cosmo centerfold one of his greatest regrets, a decision which undermined the respect he had gained for his performance in "Deliverance." But candor was his curse and his appeal as Reynolds, the handsome film and television star who died Thursday at age 82, maintained an active and well documented public and private life.

Sex symbol. Serious actor. Laughing stock. Gold mine. Comeback artist. Reynolds followed long and conflicting paths. He once joked that if you turned his career into a medical chart, it would look like a heart attack.

He starred in such critically acclaimed pictures as 1972's "Deliverance" and 1997's "Boogie Nights" and such commercial hits as "Smokey and the Bandit" and "The Cannonball Run." He had a hit TV show in the 1990s with "Evening Shade" and, during his prime, was a perennial top draw at the movie box office.

He managed some of the industry's highest and lowest honors. He was nominated for an Oscar for "Boogie Nights" and won two Golden Globes and an Emmy. But he also was a frequent nominee for the Razzie, the tongue-in-cheek award for Hollywood's worst performance, and his name was often in the news whether he liked it or not. He had an acrimonious divorce from former TV star Loni Anderson in 1995, a high-profile romance with Dinah Shore and a long relationship with Sally Field. His first wife, "Laugh-In" star Judy Carne, criticized him often for not being supportive of her career.

Through it all he presented a genial persona, ever willing to mock his own failings, like turning down the role that went to Richard Gere in "Pretty Woman" or the chance to play James Bond when Sean Connery was holding out for more money.

"For a long time afterward I'd wake up in a cold sweat going, 'Bond, James Bond!'" he wrote in his memoir "But Enough About Me," published in 2015.

An all-Southern Conference running back at Florida State University in the 1950s, Reynolds appeared headed to the NFL until a knee injury and an automobile accident ended his chances.

He dropped out of college and drifted to New York, where he worked as a dockhand, dance-hall bouncer, bodyguard and dish washer before returning to Florida in 1957 and enrolling in acting classes at Palm Beach Junior College.

He won the Florida Drama Award in 1958 for his performance in the role John Garfield made famous in "Outward Bound." He was subsequently discovered by a talent agent at New York's Hyde Park Playhouse.

Early theater roles included performances in "Mister Roberts" and "Look: We've Come Through."

After moving to Hollywood, he found work as a stuntman, including flying through a glass window. Later, as a star, he often performed his own stunts, and he played a stuntman in the 1978 film "Hooper," one of his better reviewed films.

His first film role came in 1961's "Angel Baby," and he followed it with numerous other mediocre movies. But he did become famous enough to make frequent appearances on "The Tonight Show," leading to his most cherished film role and to his greatest folly.

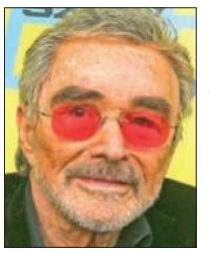
In the early 1970s, director John Boorman was impressed by how confidently Reynolds handled himself when subbing for Carson as host of "The Tonight Show." Boorman thought he might be right for a film adaptation of James Dickey's novel "Deliverance."

Reynolds starred as Lewis Medlock, the intrepid leader of an ill-fated whitewater canoe trip. When he and three other Atlanta businessmen are ambushed by violent backwoodsmen, Reynolds must guide the group to safety.

"Deliverance" was an Oscar nominee for best picture and no film made him prouder. In his memoir, he wrote that "Deliverance" would be his choice could he put one of his movies in a time capsule.

"It proved I could act," he wrote.

But soon after filming was completed, he made a decision he never stopped regretting. While appearing on "The Tonight Show" with Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown, he agreed to her invitation, offered during a commercial break, to be the first male centerfold for her magazine.


Reynolds

"I was flattered and intrigued," Reynolds wrote in his memoir. The April 1972 issue of Cosmopolitan quickly sold more than 1 million copies, but turned his life into a "carnival." The centerfold would appear on T-shirts, panties and other merchandise and Reynolds began receiving obscene fan mail. Reynolds' performance in "Deliverance" was snubbed by the movie academy.

"It was a total fiasco," he wrote. "I thought people would be able to separate the fun-loving side of me from the serious actor, but I was wrong."

He did remain an A-list movie star, starring in such films as "Shamus," ''The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and three popular "Smokey and the Bandit" comedies, with co-stars including Field and Jackie Gleason.

Reynolds also directed a few of the films he starred in, including "Gator," ''Sharky's Machine" and "Stick," and made cameo appearances in the Hollywood spoof "The Player" and Woody Allen's "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask)."

One of his first encounters with the tabloids came in 1973 with the mysterious death of co-star Sarah Miles' manager during filming of "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing." Reynolds testified during a highly publicized inquest but the death was eventually ruled a suicide.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE
Dilwei Agnes Skilang Sablan
Born January 21, 1930, passed away in the early morning of September 2nd, 2018, at the age of 88 at her daughter's home in Saipan.
In her heavenly home Agnes joins her husband Juan Atalig Sablan; sons Henry, Gerald Victor, Tao and Jeffrey.
Agnes is survived by her children - Mike & Violy (Stephen, Zachary and Adam); Virginia & Andy (Matthew and Kaela), Cathy (K.Cyji/JJ, Charles Pablo and Jose); Children of Henry; Children of Gerald Victor; Children of Tao; Ninos & Monica; Willy (Eric & Pamela); family-brother Ephraim & Joyce. Her siblings Benjamin & †Humie, Suki & Damiana, Bill & Julie.
Daily rosary is held at St. Jude Church at 7:00pm - September 3rd to September 9th, 2018.
Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, September 10th, 2018 at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.
10:00am Responso and Holy Rosary
10:30am Mass and Burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery
Respecting Agnes' wish, there will be no public viewing.
Mesulang, Si Yu'us Maase and Thank You for your prayers, intimate condolences and taking time to grieve with us.
Mike, Virg, Cathy, Ninos, Willy, Ephraim and Agnes' grand & great-grand children

Cardi B escorted out of fashion party after lunging at Minaj

NEW YORK (AP)—Nicki Minaj and Cardi B were involved in an altercation Friday night that got physical at a New York Fashion Week party and left Cardi B with a mark on her head.

A person who witnessed the incident who asked for anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly said Minaj was finishing up a conversation with someone when Cardi B tried to attack her, but Minaj's security guards intervened.

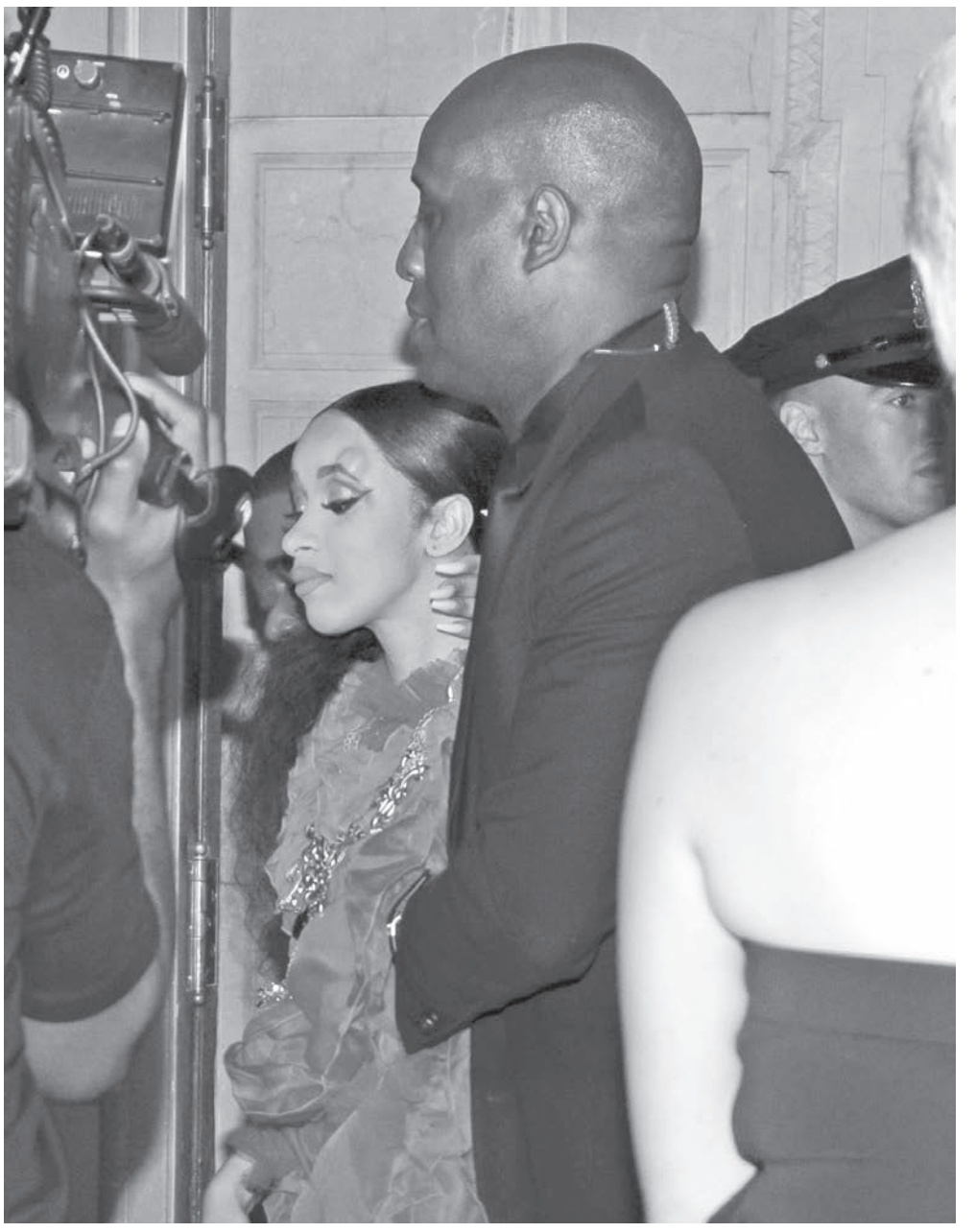
Video circulating on social media shows Cardi B lunging toward someone and being held back at Harper's Bazaar Icons party Friday night. Cardi B reportedly threw one of her shoes at Minaj. Another video shows the platinum rapper being escorted out of the event by security.

Cardi B, wearing a voluminous red Dolce & Gabanna gown, was seen leaving the party with what appeared to be a bump on her head. She was barefoot.

She and Minaj have been rap rivals since Cardi B began achieving huge success over the last year.

In a post on Instagram Cardi B didn't call out Minaj by name but alluded to the fight and said she was sparked because her mothering skills were being disparaged. She and rapper Offset recently had their first child together, a girl.

Minaj has not yet commented on the incident.



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Cardi B, with a swollen bump on her forehead, leaves after an altercation at the Harper's BAZAAR "ICONS by Carine Roitfeld" party at The Plaza on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, New York.

Paul McCartney plays concert at New York's Grand Central

By DAVID BAUDER
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NEW YORK (AP)—Commuters with tickets to ride out of New York's Grand Central Station heard a special serenade on Friday evening, with Paul McCartney taking over a corner of the majestic hub for a concert.

Only invited guests including Jon Bon Jovi, Meryl Streep, Amy Schumer, Kate Moss and Steve Buscemi were let behind black curtains to see the stage, but everyone could hear a 24-song set that spanned more than 50 years of music.

It was a stunt to promote a new album called "Egypt Station." McCartney said he wondered "what's the coolest station we could think of?" and settled on the Manhattan landmark. The band set up under a chandelier and in front of a giant clock, just off the 42nd Street entrance.

Despite grey streaks in his famous mop top, the 76-year-old former Beatle was in fighting trim.

He performed familiar hits like "Let it Be," ''Can't Buy Me Love," ''A Hard Day's Night" and "Lady Madonna." He also dug deeper into his songbook for "I've Got a Feeling," ''Hi Hi Hi" and "1985."

While he played three songs from his new album, McCartney did more from the 50-year-old White Album. The sweaty, dancing crowd hardly minded the trip back in time.

McCartney may be the world's most famous musician, but he's also human. Seemingly nervous as he stood on a riser in the middle of the audience with an acoustic guitar for one song, he flubbed the words to "Blackbird" not once but twice, starting over both times. Surrounding fans, famous and non-famous, knew all the lyrics and coaxed him on.

"I know this song," he said in frustration. "I wrote it!"

Before singing the Beatles' first single, "Love Me Do," McCartney told of his nerves singing the chorus and that he can still hear it in his voice when he hears the recording.

Flash forward a half century, and he talked about a writing session with Kanye West. After a few days in the studio, he wasn't sure they even had a song. A few months later, West sent him a copy of "4, 5 Seconds" with Rihanna on lead vocals.

"I rang him up and asked, 'am I on this song?'" McCartney said, and West said it included his guitar. At Grand Central, McCartney reclaimed it.

Some members of the Beatles' extended family were on hand. Sean Lennon, the son of McCartney's late partner, was in the audience. So was McCartney's wife, Nancy Shevell, and he dedicated the song "My Valentine" to her. Giles Martin, the son of longtime Beatles producer George Martin, was handling the concert's sound.

John Lennon celebrated with release of commemorative stamp

NEW YORK (AP)—John Lennon's iconic round glasses and shaggy 1970s mane will now adorn a U.S. stamp.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and their son, Sean Lennon, were in New York City's Central Park Friday to celebrate the U.S. Postal Service's release of a stamp honoring the late Beatle. Hundreds of Beatles fans gathered for the event.

"I know that my father would have been really thrilled to be accepted, officially in this way, on a stamp," said Sean Lennon. "About as official as it gets, I think."

The commemorative stamp features a photo of Lennon taken in 1974 on the roof of his Manhattan apartment building by photographer Bob Gruen, who also spoke at the event. The stamp is designed to look like a 45-rpm record sleeve.

"Everybody loves to listen to John's songs and I'm very proud of it, but also the fact that this day, Imagine and you guys are here. It's incredible," Yoko Ono said.

She also joked about the blame she gets for breaking up the Beatles.

"If John just went with me and then he began, 'La La La, Da Da Da' or something like that, people say, 'Well, that's Yoko's fault,'" she said. "Well, it's always my fault."

The crowd received her warmly though, giving her a standing ovation.

"I always knew how much he loved her," said Donna Gallucci who came from Pennsylvania for the event. "A lot of people didn't understand that."

After the event, people lined up to buy the stamps and enjoy one more day of Beatlemania in New York City.

Gallucci said, "He was so much a part of the city, so much a part of the park."

A year later, Timothee Chalamet is again turning heads

TORONTO (AP)—A year after his breakthrough performance in "Call Me By Your Name," Timothee Chalamet—now a seasoned veteran at the age of 22—is again the toast of the fall film festival circuit.

Though there were few doubters after Chalamet became the youngest best-actor Oscar nominee in almost 80 years, the young actor's performance in the father-son addiction drama "Beautiful Boy" has resolutely confirmed Chalamet as one of the most talented actors of his generation.

In the film, which made its debut at the Toronto International Film Festival, Chalamet plays Nic Sheff, the young son of David Sheff (Steve Carell). In scenes that toggle between the father's happier memories with his son and the crushing cycles of rehab and relapse that come later, "Beautiful Boy" is an unusually realistic depiction of drug addiction, as seen through the prism of a family.

Chalamet's layered performance runs from a boyish, curious kid to a young man in existential freefall. It's returned him to the top of Oscar predictions lists, only this time slotted in among supporting-actor favorites. Some have joked that if Chalamet, who was trumped in March by Gary Oldman, were to win, it would effectively be like a lifetime achievement award for the 22-year-old.

Chalamet

"It's something I heard Armie (Hammer) say a number of times last year: The cake of the experience is making it, from a personal standpoint," Chalamet said in an interview. "It's working with artists you admire and telling a story of great importance. This story and this film feel very urgent. People will take from it what they will."

The film, directed by Felix Van Groeningen, is based on memoirs by both Sheffs: David's "Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction" and Nic's "Tweak: Growing Up on Methamphetamines." Both attended the Toronto premiere, receiving loud rounds of applause when they took the stage alongside their fictional doppelgangers.

For Chalamet, the last year has been a whirlwind that swept him across countless awards season stages and made him a new-generation matinee idol. In Toronto, his trimmed locks (for a recently shot movie) and suave French answers on the red carpet spread like wildfire across social media. (Chalamet is a lifelong New Yorker whose father is French.)

But Chalamet's most prized experiences from the last year or so are more about the work and the people it's brought him in contact with. "Beautiful Boy," which was shot in the spring of 2017, meant working with Carell, whom Chalamet has been a fan of all his life.

"Getting to meet people I've always looked up to, those kinds of aspects were amazing and life-affirming in many ways," says Chalamet of his 2017-2018. "But really the hope I had from last year is just that I be privy to more great projects. Everything and anything around that, even in my personal life, is in a healthy way the same."

After the Oscars, Chalamet spent four months in Europe shooting the Netflix drama "The King," inspired by Shakespeare's "Henry V."

"It was great to just dive back into something right away and get in the mud, literally and metaphorically," says the actor. "And just be back on the battlefield, the playing field and learning again."

Chalamet will also soon shoot Gerwig's "Little Women," an adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's novel with Saoirse Ronan and Meryl Streep.

What's been perhaps most endearing about Chalamet throughout his swift rise is his earnest exuberance at the avalanche of opportunity. He is, unmistakably, soaking it up.

"Disillusion without reason can be common now. We live in a strange—to put as openly as possible—time. I'm finding myself in situations whether it's Steve Carell or I'm about to start a project with Meryl Streep and Greta Gerwig," he says. "The material goods is the stuff you feel weary of. You think of the roadmaps of other actors or professionals and try to be wary. But as far as, like, being around artists and actors I've admired and freaking out and not being able to contain myself—yeah, it's been good.'

Lawyer: Trump doesn't think Stormy Daniels' deal is valid

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump does not believe porn actress Stormy Daniels' hush-money deal, which his former personal lawyer said was done to influence the 2016 presidential election, is valid and will not carry out threats to sue her for breaking the agreement by discussing details of their alleged affair, Trump's attorney said in a court filing Saturday.

Hours earlier an attorney for the company set up to handle the deal offered to rescind Daniels' nondisclosure agreement. The company, Essential Consultants, also scrapped a threatened $20 million lawsuit against Daniels.

The two developments could kill efforts by Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, to force the president to give sworn testimony about what he and his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, might have known about the deal, if a judge agrees to now dismiss the case. The offers remove any legal risk to Daniels stemming from her public discussion of the alleged affair and the alleged efforts to hide it.

Daniels

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said she had sex once with Trump in 2006 and carried on a platonic relationship with him for about a year. She was paid $130,000 as part of the agreement signed days before the 2016 election and is suing to dissolve the contract. Daniels has argued the agreement should be invalidated because Cohen signed it, but Trump did not.

In Saturday's court filing, Trump's attorney, Charles Harder, said the president doesn't dispute Daniels' assertion that the contract isn't valid and never considered himself as a party to the agreement. Both Trump and Cohen have asked Daniels to now drop her lawsuit.

Essential Consultants was set up by Cohen, who pleaded guilty in federal court last month to campaign-finance violations and other charges. Though Cohen originally denied having made a hush-money payment to Daniels on behalf of Trump, he told the court that he and Trump arranged payments to both Daniels and a former Playboy model to influence the election.

In addition to the offer to quash the agreement, Essential Consultants also agreed to back off its plan to fight Daniels in private arbitration and will not pursue a lawsuit against her, Brent Blakely, an attorney for the company, said in a letter to Daniels' lawyer. Cohen had said that Daniels could owe $20 million for violating the agreement.

The company wants Daniels to repay the $130,000 she was paid, Blakely wrote.

Avenatti told The Associated Press that he did not have to accept the offer and would not settle the case without deposing Trump and Cohen. He said he was still reviewing his options but wasn't worried about the developments.

Avenatti said he thought Harder's court filing was "worthless," had "numerous problems" and "means nothing."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Charlie Rose, CBS seek to dismiss sexual harassment lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlie Rose says three women who worked with him are trying to take "routine workplace interactions and banter" and spin them into a sexual harassment case. The former CBS News and PBS journalist late Thursday filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit by the former employees. He's joining co-defendant CBS, which is also seeking to get the case thrown out of New York state court. Rose was fired by CBS and PBS last year for sexual misconduct. Katherine Brooks Harris, Sydney McNeal and Yuqing Wei accused Rose of unwanted touching and making sexual comments. Wei said Rose referred to her as "China Doll." Rose, in court papers, called the women's examples meaningless in terms of establishing any harassment case.

Heidi Klum, Tim Gunn leaving 'Project Runway' for Amazon

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Heidi Klum and Tim Gunn are leaving "Project Runway." Amazon Prime Video on Friday announced the supermodel and fashion consultant are helping to develop a new reality fashion series, which will combine content with commerce. Few details were released, but the company says the show will appeal to a "global audience who are entertained by competition" and will create a "shoppable experience." In saying "auf wiedersehen" to "Project Runway," Klum said in a statement the show will always have a special place in her heart after 16 seasons. Gunn said he's excited to be part of their next "fashion adventure." Amazon Studios head Jennifer Salke says she believes the pair will find a larger audience on the Prime Video runway. Prime Video is a premium subscription streaming service.

Vince Vaughn charged with DUI, failing to comply with police

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Vince Vaughn has been charged with drunken driving. Los Angeles County prosecutors announced on Friday that the 48-year-old "Wedding Crashers" actor is charged with three misdemeanors: driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher and refusing to comply with police. Authorities say Vaughn repeatedly refusing to get out of his car when officers asked him at a sobriety checkpoint in Manhattan Beach on June 10. Police say he failed a field sobriety test that was captured on an officer's body camera, and a blood test later showed he was over the legal limit. Vaughn has not entered a plea. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Monday. His spokesman, Alan Nierob, declined comment.

Universal to skip Harry Potter fest to build thrill ride

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Universal Orlando Resort says it won't be hosting its annual celebration of all things Harry Potter next year, but don't worry Muggles. It's because the Florida theme park resort is planning a new thrill ride and other experiences at one of the two Harry Potter sections at its parks. The resort said Friday that the construction of a new thrill ride and other yet-to-be-announced experiences at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter - Hogsmeade in its Islands of Adventure park prevents it from hosting A Celebration of Harry Potter in 2019. The annual celebration attracts actors from the Harry Potter movies for question-and-answer sessions, lessons on wand dueling and costume contests, among other events. The resort says it looks forward to hosting future Harry Potter events.

Mexican director Cuaron's 'Roma' wins top prize at Venice

ROME (AP)—"Roma," Alfonso Cuaron's intimate, black-and-white portrait of the women who raised him in Mexico City's turbulent 1970s, has won the top prize at the 75th Venice Film Festival. Cuaron accepted the Leone d'Oro on Saturday, which he said was the birthday of the woman who inspired the lead character Cleo, a young domestic worker with her own troubles amid political strife in the city's Roma neighborhood. The jury prize went to "The Favorite" by Yorgos Lanthimos, about the women surrounding Queen Anne; Olivia Colman won best actress for her role as the queen. Best director went to Jacques Audiard for "The Sisters and Brothers." Willem Dafoe picked up best actor for "At Eternity's Gate," Julian Schnabel's homage to Vincent Van Gogh. Guillermo del Toro headed the jury.

'The Rascals' guitarist Gene Cornish collapses on stage

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Rock & Roll Hall of Fame guitarist Gene Cornish of The Rascals collapsed on stage while performing in Montana but is expected to recover, his publicist said Saturday. Cornish, 74, was still hospitalized but was resting comfortably after he collapsed Friday the Alberta Bair Theater in Billings, Melissa Kucirek said. Kucirek said she did not know what caused Cornish to collapse. "Gene is working with doctors to remedy (the problem) and get back to doing what he loves most," Kucirek said in an email.

Can controversy fill swimsuit void at Miss America pageant?

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—The swimsuits are gone, but there has been plenty of controversy surrounding this year's Miss America competition that could keep viewers tuning in. The next Miss America will be crowned around 11 p.m. Sunday on a nationally televised broadcast on ABC from Atlantic City. This year marks the first time the broadcast will not include a swimsuit competition. It has been replaced by onstage interviews, which have generated attention-grabbing remarks from contestants regarding President Trump, and NFL player protests, among other topics. And behind the scenes, a revolt is underway among most of the Miss America state organizations who demand that national chairwoman Gretchen Carlson and CEO Regina Hopper resign. The outgoing Miss America, Cara Mund, says the two have bullied and silenced her, claims that the women deny.

Daughter tired of indulging mom's proselytizing friend

DEAR ABBY: There's this woman I've known since I was a child. She's a Jehovah's Witness I'll call Beatrice. She comes by my house every so often to share pamphlets and talk about her religion. She is a casual friend of my mother's (who I live with), so I feel I have to let her inside when she's at the door. If it were anyone else, I'd say a polite "No, thank you, goodbye," and shut the door. But because it's Beatrice, I'm roped into listening to her spiel.

More often than not, Mom's not even home when Beatrice comes over with her pamphlets because they work similar hours. And each time, I find myself trapped into listening to her jabber away while I politely smile and nod.

Not only am I non-religious, but I am a member of the LGBTQ community, and I know for a fact that Beatrice shunned a family member after he came out as gay.

I don't want to keep pretending I'm interested in listening to her script, or even talking to her in general, but I also don't want to ruin my mother's friendship with her by offending her by being honest.

Is there a polite way to tell Beatrice that, with all due respect, I don't want to hear about her pamphlets, and she should come by to discuss them only when my mom's home? Or must I just continue to smile and nod politely like I always do?

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DEAR NOT INTERESTED: No rule of etiquette demands that you listen to Beatrice's religious diatribes. All you need to say to her is, "My mother isn't home, and I'm not interested in taking your pamphlets or hearing you preach. Because you're a friend of Mom's, come back when Mom is home, and be sure to call first."

DEAR ABBY: I am really upset about something my best friend did involving a cruise that's planned for next February. Because of financial setbacks, we can no longer afford the trip. She went ahead and paid for our cruise. I was so upset I called the travel agent and tried to cancel the trip but was informed it was nonrefundable. So now we are locked into a cruise that's still going to cost us $1,500 or more in other expenses while we are on the cruise.

I like to pay my own way and have never asked anyone for help or money. She said it was "a gift, not a loan" and I was being ungrateful, so I finally accepted the "gift." Now I'm going to have this hanging over my head. It's putting us in more financial trouble, so we are trying to get a loan to cover the extra expenses. I don't think I can enjoy the trip now.

Am I ungrateful? She's been my best friend for more than 40 years and I don't want this to affect our friendship. What should I do at this point?

EXPENSIVE "GIFT" IN THE WEST

DEAR EXPENSIVE "GIFT": Your generous friend acted on impulse, without considering the fact that even with her paying your fare, the cruise would still cost you money. Forgive her for her mistake, take the trip and do your best to enjoy it so you don't ruin the trip for her.

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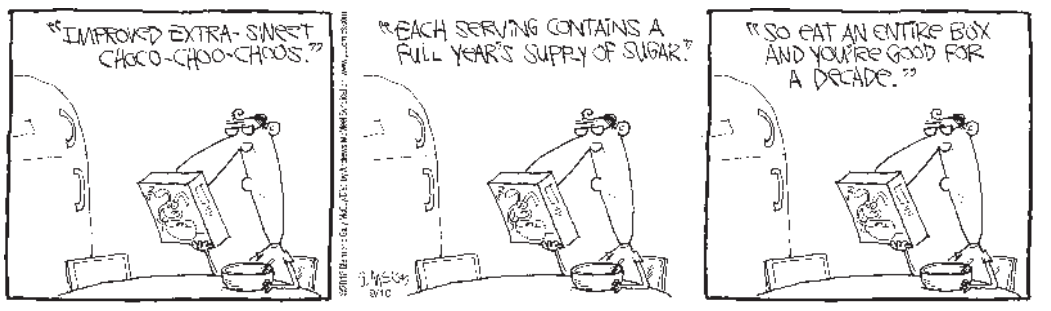
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
I WAS WIDE AWAKE FROM ONE TO FIVE-THIRTY.
WHY?
BECAUSE I WASN'T ASLEEP!
WHOA. CRABBY PANTS.
SORRY. MY BRAIN FEELS LIKE IT'S ON THE "AGITATE" SETTING.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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13 Iowa college
14 Not barefoot
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18 Ravel piece
20 Hairnets
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28 Hoodlum
31 Oklahoma city
32 High nest
34 Acapulco gold
35 Hankerings
37 What blood does sometimes
39 Prompt
41 Outside (Pref.)
42 Lusters
45 Robust
49 Alternative to plastic
51 Poet Teasdale
52 Skin soother
53 Swiss canton
54 Level
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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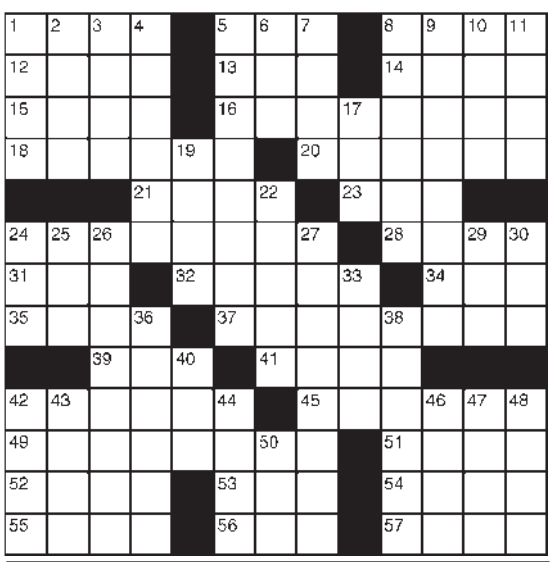
Last Friday's Answer 09-10



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CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Take pride in what you do. Run your home efficiently to cut your overhead, allowing disposable funds you can spend on entertainment, family and your own personal needs. Romance is on the rise and will help to enhance your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Be reluctant to make a change that could pose a risk. Someone will try to convince you that you have nothing to worry about. Personal loss due to unexpected last-minute changes will leave you high and dry. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A change will do you good. Traveling for business or educational purposes will be informative. A positive attitude will win favors and help you reel in the support you need to move forward with your plans. Social and family time are encouraged. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Listen to the advice offered. Someone with more experience will offer interesting alternatives. Consider the best way to move forward without jeopardizing your life physically, financially or emotionally. Take your time and weigh the pros and cons thoroughly. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Give-and-take will work wonders for you. Know what you want and what's expected of you, and prepare to negotiate on your own behalf. You have plenty to gain if you use your imagination and offer innovative alternatives. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Work hard and protect your position, reputation and assets. Someone you thought you could trust will disappoint you. Share only what you feel is necessary. Don't make snap judgments or act in haste. Focus on finishing what you start. ✪✪✪✪

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Take care of business. Don't leave anything undone. Bring about the changes that will make you feel good. Accomplishment deserves to be rewarded. Choose to celebrate with someone who shares your victory and supports your effort. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Just do what has to be done. Don't fall into someone's trap and take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Stay focused on what will benefit you the most and avoid getting involved in someone else's mess. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Listen to what's being said and speak on your own behalf. Stand up for what you believe in and challenge anyone or anything you feel is unjust or detrimental to your life, environment or future prospects and prosperity. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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IN RE THE MATER OF ESTATE OF	)	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0377-CV**
CARMEN DLG. BORJA	)	**Notice of Hearing/ Notice to Creditors**
Deceased.	)	**Time: 9:00 a.m. Date: October 18, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on October 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, Frances DLG. Borja will petition the court for Letters of Administration and for her appointment as Administratrix of the Estate of Carmen DLG. Borja, deceased. The Attorney of Record is Juan T. Lizama, P.O. Box 501508, Saipan, MP, 96950. The hearing on the petition is set for 18th day of October, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.. at the Commonwealth Superior Court.

All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claim against the estate, or against the decedent should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within 60 days after the first publication of this Notice of Hearing.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2018.

/s/ Judge Joseph N. Camacho

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Osaka's Grand Slam dream proves a nightmare for Serena

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Naomi Osaka of Japan holds the trophy after defeating Serena Williams in the women's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, in New York.

NEW YORK—U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka grew up dreaming of competing against Serena Williams in a Grand Slam final but never would have dared to go as far as to think her idol would be reduced to tears in a drama-filled match.

Osaka showed nerves of steel on Saturday to secure the biggest win of her life and become Japan's first Grand Slam singles champion but the 20-year-old's triumphant moment was lost in the controversy surrounding Williams.

"Everyone was cheering for her, I am sorry it had to end like this," Osaka said during the on-court trophy presentation. "It was always my dream to play Serena in the U.S. Open finals so I am just so glad I was able to do that."

While Osaka was the better player on the day, the match will long be remembered for the bizarre turn it took during the second set when Williams unleashed a furious rant at chair umpire Carlos Ramos.

Williams first disputed a warning for coaching, was given a point penalty for smashing a racket and then was handed a game violation after unleashing a torrid volley of abuse at Ramos.

Through it all, a laser-focused Osaka said she did not even notice the outbursts as she kept her eyes on the ultimate prize with a sense of cool that was well beyond her years, especially considering the stage she was on.

"I really didn't hear anything that was going on ... I felt like I really had to focus during this match because she's such a great champion, and I know that she can come back from any point," Osaka told reporters.

"I was just trying to focus on myself at that time."

But it was clear the moment took some of the shine off the win as Osaka looked more devastated than delighted when she was presented with the $3.8 million winner's check and trophy.

Before the match, experts wondered if Osaka could handle the pressure of her maiden Grand Slam final, especially considering it was against Williams, who was gunning for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam singles title in front of a partisan crowd.

That she was able to not let the moment get the better of her is a testament to her mettle in high-pressure situations, which bodes well for her hopes of racking up more Grand Slam titles.

Osaka dictated the match and actually started to win over the partisan crowd early in the second set before the focus shifted to the back-and-forth between Williams and Ramos.

After the match she became emotional when trying to explain to reporters why she apologized after the match for doing what she had set out to do.

"She really wanted to have the 24th Grand Slam, right? Everyone knows this. It's on the commercials, it's everywhere," said Osaka.

"Like, when I step onto the court, I feel like a different person, right? I'm not a Serena fan. I'm just a tennis player playing another tennis player.

"But then when I hugged her at the net ... Anyway, when I hugged her at the net, I felt like a little kid again."

While some felt the U.S. Open final would be nothing more than a learning experience for Osaka, in the end it was Williams who said she could learn something from her protege.

"She was so focused. I think, you know, whenever I had a break point, she came up with some great serve," said Williams.

"Honestly, there's a lot I can learn from her from this match. I hope to learn a lot from that."

Japan rejoices in having first grand slam champion

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese tennis and non-tennis fans alike are celebrating one of their own winning a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.

The results came in early Sunday morning Japan time, and television stations interrupted TV dramas and cooking programs with news flashes after Naomi Osaka defeated Serena Williams 6-2, 6-4 in the women's final at the U.S. Open in New York.

"She just let her playing do the talking," said Tokyo resident Noritomo Kusumoto. "And her words after the match deserve a big warm applause under the unexpected circumstances. True champion and proud of her!"

Minori Nakano, a teacher and translator from the city of Kobe in western Japan, praised 20-year-old Osaka's after-match comments in English as "so cool and yet so Japanese". Osaka apologized to the crowd for beating the local favorite and thanked Williams for being an inspiration.

"I don't watch tennis, but I have been this week, and will be watching Naomi from now on," she said.

Fellow Japanese player Kei Nishikori, who's bid to become Japan's first male grand slam champion was ended by Novak Djokovic in the men's semifinals on Friday, tweeted "#proud" soon after Osaka's victory along with a series of thumbs up and trophy emoji's in a separate tweet.

Osaka—born in Osaka to a Japanese mother and a Haitian father and has lived in Florida since aged three—has been winning hearts in Japan with her antics both on and off the court, with her post-match interviews always fun to watch, as she does her best to answer questions in both English and her less-than-perfect, but loved by the masses, Japanese.

Barry Louie, who lives in Japan and is a friend of Osaka's father, said her father was working as an English teacher when he met her mother.

"We used to play basketball together at Kobe University and in Osaka so I feel a close connection," he said. "Max is so family-oriented. ... Just as Naomi said after the match, he can't bear to watch Naomi's matches. He gets too emotional.

Serena: Umpire treated her differently than a male player

NEW YORK (AP)—Serena Williams thought she was treated more harshly by the chair umpire in the U.S. Open final than a man would have been.

Williams was cited by official Carlos Ramos for three code violations during her 6-2, 6-4 loss to Naomi Osaka on Saturday: for getting coaching signals; for breaking her racket, which cost her a point; and for calling the chair umpire a thief, which cost her a game.

"I've seen other men call other umpires several things. I'm here fighting for women's rights and for women's equality and for all kinds of stuff. For me to say 'thief,' and for him to take a game, it made me feel like it was a sexist remark. He's never taken a game from a man because they said 'thief,'" Williams said at her news conference.

"For me, it blows my mind," Williams said. "But I'm going to continue to fight for women."

Earlier, as Williams pleaded her case on court with tournament referee Brian Earley, calling the penalties unfair, she said: "Because you're a woman, you're going to take this away from me?"

"There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things," Williams said, "and because they are men , that doesn't happen."

Two-time Australian Open champion and two-time U.S. Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka backed up Williams' stance, writing on Twitter : "If it was men's match, this wouldn't happen like this. It just wouldn't."

Billie Jean King, who won 12 Grand Slam singles titles and helped found the women's tennis tour and pave the way for equal prize money in the sport, also commented via Twitter on what happened Saturday.

"Several things went very wrong during" the match, King wrote. "Coaching on every point should be allowed in tennis. It isn't, and as a result, a player was penalized for the actions of her coach. This should not happen."

In a second tweet, King said: "When a woman is emotional, she's 'hysterical' and she's penalized for it. When a man does the same, he's 'outspoken' & and there are no repercussions. Thank you (Serena Williams) for calling out this double standard. More voices are needed to do the same."

There have been a series of recent happenings that illustrate the ways in which tennis does do things differently for men and women.

Just before the U.S. Open, the French tennis federation president said that the black catsuit worn this year by Williams at the French Open would not be allowed at that tournament in the future. During the U.S. Open, a female player, Alize Cornet, was incorrectly admonished by a chair umpire for changing her shirt during a match, which is allowed—and which men do all the time. And the U.S. Tennis Association created a new rule last week that allows for a 10-minute break in men's matches when the heat and humidity are too harsh; previously, only women were given that chance for a delay.

"I just feel like the fact that I have to go through this is just an example for the next person that has emotions, and that want to express themselves, and want to be a strong woman. They're going to be allowed to do that because of today," Williams said. "Maybe it didn't work out for me, but it's going to work out for the next person."

Yankees beat Mariners, boost wild-card bid

SEATTLE (AP)—Austin Romine has never set the bar particularly high for himself at the plate.

Behind the plate, yes.

Standing next to it, bat in hand? Not so much.

"I know why I'm in there," Romine has said many times, referencing his defensive abilities.

But he also accepted a challenge thrown his way during spring training by new manager Aaron Boone, who essentially said this: Don't be an automatic out. Romine has been anything but in what has been a breakout season offensively.

It continued Saturday night as the backup catcher slugged a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning in the Yankees' 4-2 victory over the Mariners in front of 38,733 at Safeco Field.

The Yankees (89-53) climbed within 71/2 games of the AL East-leading Red Sox and stayed 31/2 games ahead of the A's for the top wild-card slot. They also lowered their magic number for clinching a wild card to 10.

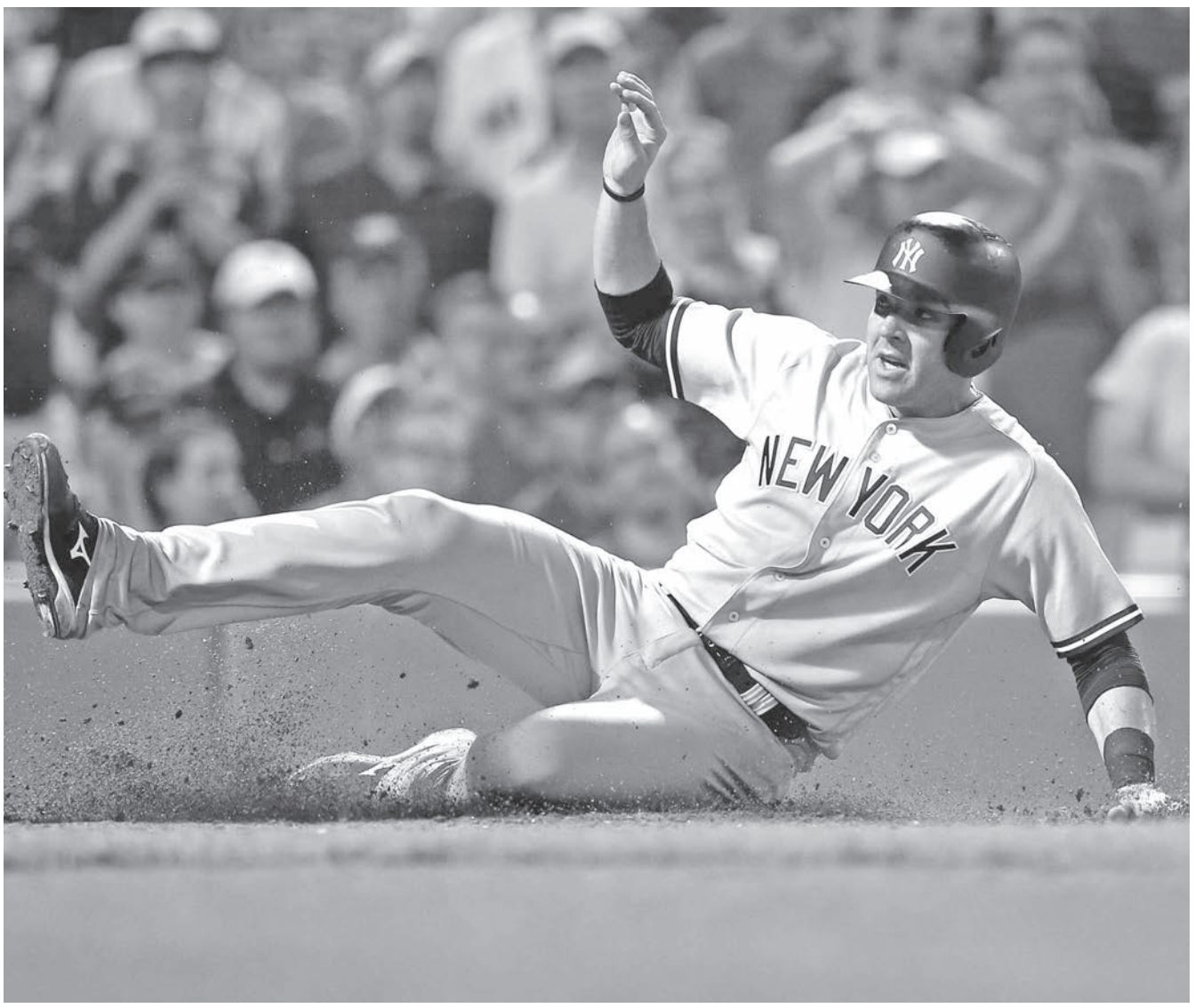
Romine stepped in against right-hander Nick Vincent with one out in the seventh and drove a 2-and-2 fastball the other way to right for his 10th homer and a 3-2 lead. Previously, the most homers for Romine in a big-league season was four.

Lance Lynn, who had allowed a combined 19 earned runs in his previous four starts, pitched well, allowing two runs and three hits in six innings.

The Yankees' bullpen took it from there. Zach Britton struck out one in a perfect seventh and David Robertson struck out the side in a perfect eighth.

After Gleyber Torres' sacrifice fly in the ninth made it 4-2, Dellin Betances escaped big trouble in the ninth. The Mariners loaded the bases with one out on a leadoff double by Mitch Haniger, a hit batsman and a walk, but Betances struck out Denard Span and Kyle Seager to preserve the victory. He had fanned Jean Segura earlier in the inning.

Andrew McCutchen, off to a 1-for-17 start in his Yankees career before homering Friday night, led off the first inning Saturday night by driving a 1-and-2 change-up from Felix Hernandez down the left-field line.



AP

New York Yankees' Austin Romine slides to third during the second inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, in Seattle.

Royals 4, Twins 1

In Minnesota, Kansas City rookie Jorge Lopez came within three outs of a perfect game before Max Kepler walked leading off the ninth inning and Robbie Grossman followed with a single in the Royals' 4-1 win over the Twins.

The 25-year-old right-hander made just his seventh big league start, his fifth for Kansas City since he was acquired from Milwaukee in the late-July trade that sent Mike Moustakas to the Brewers.

Lopez (2-4) retired his first 24 batters before walking Kepler on a 3-1 fastball.

Astros 5, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Alex Bregman hit his 30th home run, Charlie Morton returned from the disabled list with five solid innings and Houston beat Boston for its seventh straight win.

Martin Maldonado also homered for AL West-leading Houston, which won the first two legs of the three-game rematch of last year's AL Division Series. The defending World Series champion Astros will try to sweep the major league-leading Red Sox on Sunday night. Boston has only been swept once this season, in a three-game set against Tampa Bay in late August.

Roberto Osuna took over in the ninth and got his 15th save despite allowing a run.

Braves 5, Diamondbacks 4, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson made a diving stop on the outfield grass and cut down Nick Ahmed at home plate for the final out to preserve Atlanta's victory over Arizona in 10 innings.

The Braves got two runs in the top of the 10th to go up 5-3. Freddie Freeman scored on first baseman Paul Goldschmidt's throwing error, and Ender Inciarte followed with an RBI triple.

Rockies 4, Dodgers 2

In Denver, Kyle Freeland pitched six strong innings, Wade Davis worked out of a jam in the ninth and Colorado beat Los Angeles to remain atop the NL West.

Chris Iannetta and Charlie Blackmon homered for the Rockies, and Davis allowed a run before striking out Yasmani Grandal with a man aboard to earn his 39th save. Colorado moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the second-place Dodgers.

Chris Taylor homered for Los Angeles. Max Muncy hit an RBI double with two outs in the ninth.

Mets 10, Phillies 5

In New York, Noah Syndergaard left the game after he was hit by Cesar Hernandez's line drive in the seventh inning but managed to slow Philadelphia's playoff run despite allowing a career-worst 12 hits and five walks in New York's victory.

Syndergaard (11-3) tried to brace himself but was hit in the lower ribs when Hernandez lined a 98 mph pitch. Syndergaard picked up the ball and held onto it. The Mets said X-rays were negative.

He matched his career high for walks and allowed four runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Athletics 8, Rangers 6

In Oakland, Khris Davis hit his major league-leading 41st home run, Matt Olson homered to drive in the go-ahead run and Oakland beat Texas for its fifth win in six games.

Olson broke a 6-6 tie against Chris Martin (1-4) leading off the eighth. Olson has a career-high 25 homers, one more than last year.

Chad Pinder also homered and Matt Chapman added an RBI double in the eighth.

Brewers 4, Giants 3

In Milwaukee, Gio Gonzalez (8-11) received a standing ovation following an impressive first start with Milwaukee, allowing an unearned run and three hits over 5 2/3 innings.

Gonzalez struck out seven and walked one in his first start since an Aug. 31 trade from Washington. The veteran left-hander was 0-3 with an 8.70 ERA over his final four starts with the Nationals. Gonzalez had 10 days between starts, though, and took it to the Giants.

Nationals 10, Cubs 3, 1st Game
Nationals 6, Cubs 2, 2nd Game

In Washington, Bryce Harper hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Washington rallied past Chicago to sweep a doubleheader delayed more than 3½ hours by rain.

Max Scherzer pitched a complete game and the Nationals took advantage of the sloppy Cubs in the opener. By the end of a long night, Chicago's lead in the NL Central was down to 2½ games over Milwaukee.

Anthony Rendon's double scored Trea Turner to pull Washington to 5-4 in the seventh inning of the nightcap. Left-hander Justin Wilson (4-4) came on to face Harper, who sent a drive to straightaway center field for his 32nd home run. Harper also walked three times.

Indians 9, Blue Jays 8

In Toronto, Roberto Perez homered and drove in four, Michael Brantley hit a two-run shot and Cleveland outslugged Toronto.

Brantley returned to the lineup after missing the previous two games because of a sore left foot and went 2 for 4 with two walks as Cleveland inched closer to clinching a playoff berth. The Indians began the day with a magic number of seven to lock up their third straight AL Central title.

Reds 7, Padres 2, 7 innings

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto ended his two-month homer drought with Cincinnati's 11th grand slam—one shy of the NL record—and the Reds beat San Diego in a game called early because of rain.

The game started an hour early because of a foreboding forecast and was played in a steady rain that intensified with one out in the top of the seventh.

Votto connected off Robbie Erlin (3-6) during a seven-run second inning, his first homer since July 9—the second-longest drought of his career.

Tigers 4, Cardinals 3

In Detroit, Victor Reyes scored on a game-ending wild pitch with one out in the ninth inning, and Detroit beat St. Louis.

The Cardinals, who entered with a one-game lead for the second National League wild card, have lost five of seven. The Tigers have won four straight.

The Tigers led 3-1 with two outs in the top of the ninth, but Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run homer off Shane Greene (4-6) to tie it.

Rays 10, Orioles 5

In St. Petersburgh, Ryan Yarbrough struggled but got his 14th win, most among major league rookies, and Tampa Bay won its 10th straight home game.

After reliever Diego Castillo pitched a scoreless first, Yarbrough (14-5) entered and allowed three runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings. Twelve of the lefty's wins have come in "bullpen games" for Tampa Bay.

Pirates 5, Marlins 1

In Pittsburgh, Josh Bell homered for the second game in a row, Ivan Nova got his first victory in a month and Pittsburgh beat Miami for its fifth consecutive win.

In a game played in a steady drizzle, Bell connected off Brett Graves leading off the sixth for his 10th home run, down from 26 last year. Before his home run Friday, Bell had not driven in a run since Aug. 11.

Nova (8-9) gave up three hits in six innings, struck out nine and walked three.

Angels 12, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Mike Trout homered twice and drove in five runs as Los Angeles defeated Chicago.

Trout's 5-for-5 performance matched his career high for hits and raised his batting average to .314. Shohei Ohtani hit a bases-loaded triple and scored on one of Thyago Vieira's three wild pitches in a six-run ninth inning.

Brady, Rodgers again outdistance NFL quarterbacks

DENVER (AP)—Although Nick Foles and the Philadelphia Eagles kept him from adding to his fistful of Super Bowl rings last winter, Tom Brady remains the best quarterback in the NFL, even at age 41.

In the first of the weekly Associated Press position rankings for this season, Brady edged out Aaron Rodgers in voting by 10 AP football writers.

The New England Patriots star received six of the first-place votes in balloting completed before Thursday night's opener between the Eagles and Falcons in a 10-points-to-one point system. Brady placed second with the other four voters, all of whom had Brady a notch below Green Bay's star quarterback, for 96 points.

"The Michael Jordan/Wayne Gretzky of pro football, Brady makes everyone around him better," said AP's Barry Wilner, based in New York, who had Brady No. 1. "That includes receivers, runners, blockers, defenders and special teams. Oh yeah, and coaches. At 41, he's still the guy."

Rodgers, who is coming off a shoulder injury that spoiled both his and the Packers' 2017 season, received 93 points as he finished second on all other ballots except one, in which he placed third behind Drew Brees of the Saints.

"When Rodgers is healthy there's no one more talented in the game," said AP's Josh Dubow, based in the Bay Area. "But he's missed nearly half the season with injuries twice in the past five years."

Still, Dubow ranked Rodgers, who just signed a four-year, $138 million extension, ahead of Brady, whom he said "is showing no signs of slowing down at age 41 after throwing for 505 yards in last season's Super Bowl. If he thrives with this depleted group of receivers that will be another notch on his quest to be the best QB ever."

Brees was a distant third, followed by Seattle's Russell Wilson and Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger rounding out the top five.

They were followed by Atlanta's Matt Ryan, injured Eagles starter Carson Wentz, who is still recovering from a knee injury that sidelined him in the Super Bowl, the Chargers' Philip Rivers, Carolina's Cam Newton and Detroit's Matthew Stafford.

Wentz and Rivers were the only quarterbacks to crack the top 10 this season, supplanting the Colts' Andrew Luck and the Raiders' Derek Carr, who were seventh and eighth, respectively, a year ago.

AP

In this Aug. 16, 2018, file photo, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers warms up before a preseason NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, in Green Bay, Wis.

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Up against an opponent known for his impressive stand-up fighting skills, Camacho tried to keep the fight at a slow face early on. However, Neal came out attacking, using his reach and height advantage to connect body and headshots on Camacho. The home crowd bet continued to pepper Camacho with different shots, alternately using his hands and legs to slow down his foe. Camacho seemed gassed out, as he tried to elude Neal's shots, but remained up on his feet at the end of the first round. Then in the second round, Camacho attempted to use his grapping skills to hold down Neal. However, the slick fighter got out of trouble quickly and countered with some more punches to Camacho's face. Neal remained aggressive and after connecting a few jabs went for the killer kick to bring down Camacho, who sustained a busted lip and cuts on his right eyebrow after taking too much punishment from his favored opponent.

Neal, after the big win, was quoted as saying at the MMA junkie website, that he prepared well against Camacho, who won Fight of the Night honors in his first there bouts at UFC.

"I knew he was going to be tough. I was mentally ready for a three-round battle, but knew it could also end quickly. I saw that every time I threw a punch, he dipped that way, and it set me up to deliver the kick. I didn't think the kick would knock him out, but I got him clean." Neal said.

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nament with a 0-2-1 win-draw loss record with its defeat coming from Mongolia, 2-3. The visiting team placed third overall in the final rankings ahead of Macau, while Mongolia, with its 1-0 win over Guam, ruled the qualifier to advance to Round 2. The Round 2 tournament will be played in November this year with the venue yet to be announced.

Goalie Emalyn Aniana blanked Guam and was joined on the starting unit by Guine Borja, Sharmaine Francisco, Gillian Villagomez, Jerlyn Castillo, Gabrielle Race, Gianna Griffin, Britany Wally, Janelle Chojnacki, Jeralyn Castillo, and Therize Millare. Carla Ballesteros was the substitute goalie and kept Guam without a goal, while Paulyn Joyce and Emiliana King also saw action for the CNMI in its last game. Majority of the members of squad were scheduled to return to Saipan today.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Men's National Team returned on island yesterday after completing their competition in Mongolia. The Blue Ayuyus had a 0-1-2 mark in the tournament, which Mongolia topped after holding a 2-1-0 mark. Mongolia also won three of the four individual awards in the event with defender Norjmoo Tsendenbal and midfielder Tsasan-Okhin Orgodol getting the MVP medals in the men's and women's division, and forward Batbold Baljinnyam winning the Golden Boot award in the men's field. Guam Kaycee Lilian Hoover was the Golden Boot winner in the women's division.

GCA

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SSC and just this summer represented the CNMI in the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships in Papua New Guinea and the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 2018 in Japan.

"Closing the pool, whether indefinitely or final will definitely crush, not only us, current swimmers, but those who wish to swim in the future and reach their potentials. We've been doing our best to improve and become great swimmers so we will have opportunities to compete and represent our school and the CNMI. Closing the pool will take away those opportunities from us," said Ashley Dangol, a Tsunami Saipan member who has been competing in off-island tournaments, too

Julia Jinang has been swimming for four years and is proud of the significant improvement she has made through those years.

"All the hard work that I and my fellow swimmers have put in will be wasted if we stop swimming. We're learning skills and getting better, and then this (closure) may happen," Jinang said.

Ashley's brother Aasish and Gabriel Cortez, always look forward to swimming each day they finish their classes at GCA and they can't help but feel disappointed, thinking they may not be able to do this after-school activity.

"We don't want to stay at home after school and play video games or watch TV. We want to swim," the younger Dangol said.

As for Jinie Thompson, closing the pool may mean they will be losing a family.

"At the pool, we are one big happy family of swimmers. We train together and help and encourage each other. Not having a pool will feel like our family is breaking apart," she said.

Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, whose uncles Juan and Michael Camacho swam for the CNMI in the early 2000s, heard stories of his family members' success at the Marpi pool. "When they were telling me about how they enjoyed their time at the pool and those triumphs, I was encouraged to try swimming, too. The Kan Pacific pool is a place where they made a lot of memories and I wish to continue making memories for my family," Deleon Guerrero said.

Meanwhile, GCA principal Beth Ann Nunez said she supports the students' appeal to authorities and other concerned parties

"For this pool to be taken away from them is like taking away the opportunities to get them involved in a very positive activity. Through swimming, they become active and healthy and learn the value of teamwork, patience, discipline, and dedication. Swimming is something that I want them to continue doing as an after-school activity, as it has a lot of positive effects on them," Nunez said.

Sports officials appeal to government

Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation, through its president John Hirsh, has sent a letter to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, calling for the continued operation of the pool while negotiations for the new lease agreement of the property are ongoing.

Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White and 2021 Pacific Mini Games Oversight Committee chair Jerry Tan also signed the letter. Swimming is one of the sports that NMSA will be offering when Saipan hosts the Mini Games for the first time, three years from now. Then next year, Pacific Games Council officials are expected to have a site visit on the venues for the competition. Also next year, the NMISF is planning to send swimmers to Apia Samoa for the Pacific Games.

"It's extremely important that the pool continues to be operational and open to our swim clubs and the public while ongoing lease negotiations are taking place. Our athletes need to continue to practice and prepare for upcoming local and international competitions," Hirsh wrote in the letter. "Thousands of local swimmers have participated in our developmental and competitive swimming programs."

Saipan Tribune has sought comments from the Office of the Governor about the letter, but has yet to respond, as the government, over the weekend, was busy monitoring and preparing for Typhoon Mangkhut.

Spieth may miss PGA minimum events standard

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP)—Jordan Spieth said making it to the Tour Championship is not "do or die" for him.

But it sure would be odd if Spieth were not part of the 30-man field in two weeks at East Lake in Atlanta.

And he faces a fine and a possible suspension if he doesn't because he would fall short of the number of events he is required to play on the PGA Tour.

Spieth, who won the FedEx Cup in 2015 and was second last year, has never failed to qualify for the Tour Championship since his first full year on the PGA Tour in 2013.

Through 54 holes of the BMW Championship, Spieth, 25, is projected to finish 31st in the standings, meaning he needs a solid final round at Aronimink Golf Club in order to move into the top 30.

One issue is: Will there be a final round? Weather has been a big issue this weekend, delaying the start on Saturday due to overnight rain and forcing an early start on Sunday to try to get the tournament completed. The forecast for Monday is also poor.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	97	46	.678	—
New York	89	53	.627	7½
Tampa Bay	77	64	.546	19
Toronto	64	78	.451	32½
Baltimore	41	101	.289	55½

Central Division

Cleveland	81	61	.570	—
Minnesota	64	77	.454	16½
Detroit	59	83	.415	22
Chicago	56	86	.394	25
Kansas City	47	94	.333	33½

West Division

Houston	89	53	.627	—
Oakland	86	57	.601	3½
Seattle	78	64	.549	11
Los Angeles	70	72	.493	19
Texas	61	81	.430	28

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	78	64	.549	—
Philadelphia	74	67	.525	3½
Washington	71	72	.497	7½
New York	64	77	.454	13½
Miami	56	86	.394	22

Central Division

Chicago	83	59	.585	—
Milwaukee	81	62	.566	2½
St. Louis	78	64	.549	5
Pittsburgh	71	71	.500	12
Cincinnati	61	82	.427	22½

West Division

Colorado	78	63	.553	—
Los Angeles	77	65	.542	1½
Arizona	76	66	.535	2½
San Francisco	68	75	.476	11
San Diego	56	88	.389	23½

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CNMI vs Mongolia in EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1

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Members of the CNMI Men's National Team's starting unit pose for a photo before playing against Mongolia in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 last week at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

The CNMI's Jonathan Takano, right, and a Mongolia player nudge each other as they fight for the ball.

CNMI goalkeeper Chris Aninzo goes for a save, while the CNMI's Ryan Relucio moves in to provide help defense.

The CNMI's Joel Fruit, left, and Dai Podziewski collide with a Mongolia player.

The CNMI's Nick Swaim dribbles.

The CNMI's Enrico Del Rosario, left, steps in on defense, anticipating a pass for a Mongolia player.

The CNMI's Jonathan Capayas, center, tries to deflect a kick from a Mongolia player.

The CNMI's Ryan Relucio, left, battles a Mongolia player for a header.

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GCA students: Keep Marpi pool open

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Grace Christian Academy student-swimmers have appealed to authorities to keep the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool open.

"We need a place to practice and train. Please keep the pool open," said GCA high school student and CNMI national swimmer Lennosuke Suzuki said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Friday.

The clamor came on the heels of uncertainty over the Marpi pool, as the extension of the lease agreement between the government and Kan Pacific will be expiring at the end of this month. Kan Pacific has been operating and managing the only Olympic-sized pool in the CNMI for over four decades. Imperial Pacific International CNMI, LLC has received a notice of intent to award the new lease of all the facilities under Kan Pacific's care. However, the final decision on the approval, denial, or amendment of the new lease agreement will come from the Legislature and time is not on Suzuki and company's side.

Suzuki and the more than 30 GCA swimmers affiliated with Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan will start the 2018-2019 season late this month. One of the competitions this season is the All Schools Swimming Championship, which GCA ruled last year after sweeping the three divisions titles (elementary, middle, and high school).

"We have local and off-island tournaments to prepare for and it will be very difficult for us to find a suitable venue for practice. We may spend more time looking for a place to swim than do our training," said Suzuki, who swims for

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Grace Christian Academy student-swimmers pose for a group photo last Friday with the banner appealing to authorities to keep the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool open.

CNMI holds ground vs Guam

'Crank' falls to Neal

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Frank 'The Crank' Camacho bowed to a quicker, taller, and stronger Geoff Neal in their bout in the UFC 228: Woodley vs Till yesterday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

Neal unleashed a vicious left kick that hit Camacho's chin and dropped the Marianas warrior to the canvas at the 1:23 mark of the second round. The third man on the ring quickly stepped in and pulled the plug on Camacho, giving Neal his 10th win in 12 matches and sixth victory via knockout.

The triumph was also Neal's fourth in a row, while Camacho ended his four-fight deal with the Ultimate Fighting Championship with a 1-4 record. The 29-year-old dropped to an overall record of 21-7 and absorbed his second straight loss. Despite another defeat, Camacho remained positive and vowed to fight back.

"My motto has always been, come back with your shield or on it. This time I came out with the loss. Lots of lessons learned here. I cannot thank Geoff Neal enough for making me a better martial artist after this. Thank you. We will be back," Camacho posted in his official Facebook account.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho leans back to elude a punch from Geoff Neal during the first round of their bout in the UFC 228: Woodley vs Till yesterday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

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The CNMI's Jeralyn Castillo, left, attempts to prevent Guam's Koharu Charity Minato, center, from reaching the ball, while the former's sister Jerlyn gets closer to the play during their game in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator last Friday.

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The CNMI Women's National Team this time refused to back down against Guam, forcing a scoreless draw in their final game in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator last Friday.

The standoff came after Guam won its four previous duels against the Commonwealth in East Asian Football Federation-sanctioned tournaments. Guam first met the CNMI in the EAFF Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinal Competition in 2009 in Chinese-Taipei and prevailed, 5-1. The next three victories were via shutouts with Guam downing its neighbor at the EAFF Women's East Asian Cup 2013 at the Leo Palace in 2012, 6-0; in the EAFF Women's East Asian Cup 2015 in 2014, also in Guam, 7-0; and the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 in 2016, 5-0.

The draw against Guam in the EAFF qualifier was the second for the Luem Khen Koo-coached team, as it also tied Macau last week. The CNMI bets finished the tour-

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